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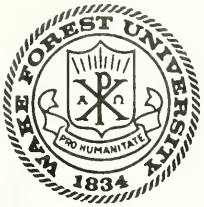

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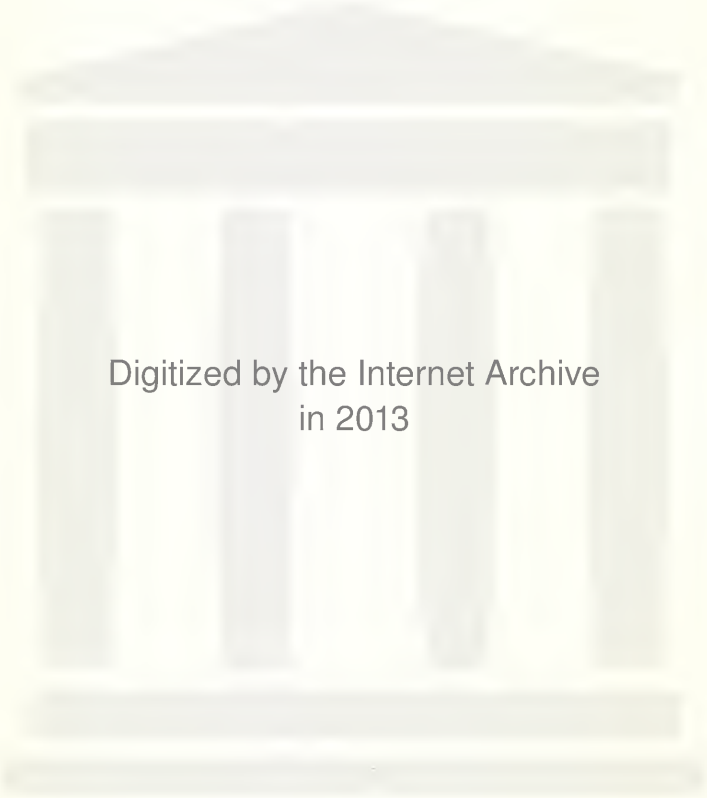
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MINUTES

OF THE

First Annual Session

OF THE

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDER Co., N. C.

September 30 and October 1 and 2, 1887.

J. W. HENDRON, MODERATOR.....Cedar Run, N. C.
W. L. WHITE, CLERK.....Ellendale, N. C.

Next Session to be held with Antioch Church, Alexander County, N. C., Thursday before the first Lord's-day in October, 1888.

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ART. IX. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

ART. X. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual session, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

ART. XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

ART. XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed Minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ART. XIV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the Minutes an historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ART. XV. To facilitate the transaction of the business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each, on Religious Exercises, Nominations, Digest of Church Letters, and Finance, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ART. XVI. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall form an Executive Board for the supervision of the work and business of the Association between sessions.

BY-LAWS.

1. All meetings of this body shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.
2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the body.
3. The Moderator may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, except that of voting, unless special objection be made.
4. The annual session of the Association shall be held with the churches in alphabetical order, unless otherwise ordered.
5. Any member of this Association attending bodies with whom we correspond, is hereby authorized to represent us in said bodies.
6. The Chairman of standing committees shall open the discussion upon the subject matter of their reports.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read and Enroll Delegates.
3. Organization.
4. Appoint Committees.
5. Call on Delinquent Churches.
6. Receive New Churches.
7. Invite Visiting Brethren.
8. Read Constitution and Rules.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Report of Other Committees.
11. Report of Messengers.
12. Queries and Requests.
13. Clerk's Fees.
14. Miscellaneous.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner. Text, Luke xiv: 12-14. Upon assembling, W. S. McLeod, Moderator of the preliminary meeting, called the delegates to order and read the 90th Psalm. Hymn "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds." Prayer by Eld. J. R. Teague. W. E White, acting as Clerk, read the proceedings of the preliminary meeting held with Three Forks church, with records of dismissal of the churches there represented, from the Brushy Mountain and Brier Creek Associations. Letters from the churches were then presented and delegates were enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—J. C. Bell. W. E. White.
BETHEL—E. B. Hendren, J. W. Hendren, D. M. Baker.
CONCORD—J. D. Martin, D. W. Stewart, Nelson Warren.
LEBANON—A. M. Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner, A. S. Sweet.
LITTLE RIVER—N. J. Walker, L. S. Deal.
MACEDONIA—Fields Ingram, D. T. Warren. G. W. Hefner.
MT. OLIVE—E. Bebber.
PILGRIM—F. Mayberry. E. S. Millsaps, F. A. Mayberry.
PLEASANT HILL—C. C. Mayberry. J. H. Hammer.
POPLAR SPRING—Thos. Walker, J. F. Robnett, W. N. Barnes.
SULPHUR SPRING—Q. C. Patterson.
TAYLORSVILLE—J. M Oxford, N. A. Pope, D. W. Moose.
THREE FORK—J. M. Jones, A. L. Watts.

C. C. Pool and J. P. Gwaltney were appointed tellers for the election of officers for permanent organization. Result: J. W. Hendren, Moderator; W. E. White, Clerk.

The committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws presented the same as preceeds this record, and they were adopted without alteration or amendment. Also, an Order of Business accompanying was adopted.

On motion of C. C. Pool an order of exercises for this session was adopted as follows:

Prayer meeting at 9. A. M Business meeting at 10 A. M. Sermon at 11 A. M. Business meeting at 1:30 P. M. Adjourn at will.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—J. B. Pool, D. T. Warren, G. W. Hefner.
Nominations—N. J. Walker, A. M. Bumgarner, A. L. Watts.
Digest of Church Letters—J. M. Oxford, E. S. Millsaps, W. S. McLeod.
Finance—E. B. Hendren, D. W. Moose, L. S. Deal.

The Committee on Religious Exercise then made announcements.

SATURDAY, 9 *A. M.*

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. J. B. Pool.

Previous minutes read and approved, and the Clerk read the Constitution and By-Laws. Also, read the report on

NOMINATIONS.

Time of Next Session—Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, 1888.

Place—Antioch church.

Preacher of Introductory Sermon—Eld. J. P. Gwaltney. Alternate, J. R. Teague.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—D. W. Pool, E. B. Hendren, E. S. Millsaps.
Duties to the Poor—J. P. Gwaltney, W. S. McLeod, J. Walter Watts.
Education—J. J. Hendren, J. R. Teague, J. M. Jones.
Sunday Schools—C. C. Pool, J. W. Hendren, A. A. Fox.
Temperance—J. B. Pool, J. C. Bell, J. W. Milstead.
Church and Pastoral Relations—L. P. Gwaltney, D. M. Baker, W. R. Childers.
Periodicals—W. J. Bumgarner, L. S. Deal, Amon Bumgarner.

CORRESPONDENTS.

To Brushy Mountain—Wesley Laws, N. J. Walker.
To Brier Creek—E. B Hendren, Dalton Mayberry
To South Yadkin—H. Christopher, J. L. Davis, N. A. Pope.
To South Fork—G. W. Hefner, V. W. Teague.
To Caldwell—W. E. White, J. C. Bell.
State Convention—The Committe recommend that no messengers be sent for this year.
Associational Missionary—Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

N. J. WALKER.
A. L. WATTS,
A. M. BUMGARNER,
Committee.

Amendments to the report, changing time, were offered but were lost. The report was adopted.

Bro. E. S. Millsaps read the report on

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

This being the first session of this body we cannot make a satisfactory report. There is also a considerable deficiency in the reports from the different churches. We find that all the churches except Chairty have preaching once a month, and most churches have good Sunday schools. The whole number of members reported is 1,243; unreported from other statistics, 417; total, 1,770. To avoid confussion in future we make the following recommendations:

1. That the Clerk of the Association have printed suitable blanks on which the Clerks of the Churches may make their reports.

2. That the Clerks of the Churches properly fill out these blanks, giving the statistics both of the Church and Sunday School.

J. M. OXFORD,
E. S. MILLSAPS,
W. S. McLEOD,
Committee.

Adopted.

The delegates promised to try to raise the amounts below in their respective churches to support Eld. Bumgarner as missionary:

Antioch. $10; Bethel, $10; Lebanon, $5; Little River, $5; Macedonia, $5; Mt. Olive, $5; Poplar Spring. $5; Pilgrim, $5; Sulphur Spring, $10; Three Forks, $10. INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES: J. B. Pool, $10; C. C. Mayberry, $1; J. H. Hammer, $1.

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11 *A. M.*

Sermon by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney. Text, John xxi: 22.

1:30 *P. M.*

The report of the Committe on Finance was adopted as follows:

MINUTE FUND—1887.

Antioch, 55c.; Bethel, $1.85; Concord, 68c.; Dover, 50c.; Little River, 20c.; Lebanon, 38c.; Mt. Olive, 40c.; Macedonia, 55c.; Pilgrim, 75c.; Pleasant Hill, 50c.; Poplar Spring, 37c.; Sulphur Spring, 60c.; Taylorsville, 40c.; Three Forks, $1.50. Total, $9.23.

MISSION FUND.

State Missions—Lebanon, $2.25. *Foreign Missions*—Lebanon, $2.25.

By-Laws Nos. 5 and 6 were adopted and ordered to be annexed.

The Clerk donated his services for this session to the Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. J. B. Marsh.

J. W. HENDREN, MODERATOR.

W. E. WHITE, Clerk.

SABBATH.

10 *A. M.*

Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

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11 *A. M.*

Sermon by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. Text, Acts xxxvi: 28.
Collection for Missions, $10.

1:30 *P. M.*

Sermon by Eld. J. B. Pool. Text, Isaiah ix: 6-7.

PASTORS AND CLERKS.					CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.							
CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	W. E. White	Ellendale	35	1	...	9	...	5	102	155	257
Bethel	W. A. Myers	Osbornville	E. B. Henkren	Brushy Mountain	8	3	...	2	...	3	92	129	221
Charity	...	...	W. W. Stafford	Barretts Mountain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Concord	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	A. V. Turner	Hedrick	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	32	45
Dover	S. D. Barnes	Dillsmore	S. Holsclaw	Little River	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Lebanon	J. B. Pool	Ellendale	A. M. Bumgarner	Swanner	17	2	...	8	4	1	27	39	66
Little River	J. B. Pool	Ellendale	A. L. Barnes	Swanner	22	8	1	3	...	...	...	...	108
Macedonia	J. B. Pool	Ellendale	H. Christopher	Taylorsville	23	5	4	2	2	3	57	109	166
Mt. Olive	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	E. Tritt	Kilby	13	4	2	7	2	2	60	90	150
Pilgrim	D. W. Pool	Cedar Run	D. W. Mayberry	Grade	9	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	117
Pleasant Hill	C. C. Pool	Taylorsville	S. W. Harrington	Vashti	...	...	...	...			...	...	160
Poplar Spring	J. B. Pool	Ellendale	Thos. Walker	Swanner	1	...	...	5	...		...	...	75
Sulphur Spring	J. P. Gwaltney	York Institute	W. P. Ingram	Taylorsville	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	90	139
Taylorsville	J. B. Marsh	Catawba	N. A. Pope	Taylorsville	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	22	28
Three Forks	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	J. M. Jones	Taylorsville	26	7	...	...	1	4	66	100	166
												Total Membership	1839

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Lenoir, N.C.

MINUTES

OF THE

Second Annual Session

OF THE

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDER COUNTY, N. C.,

October 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1888.

J. W. HENDREN, MODERATOR.....Cedar Run, N. C.
W. E. WHITE, CLERK.....Avilla, N. C.

Next Session to be held with Bethel Church, Alexander County, N. C., Thursday before the first Lord's-day in October, 1889.

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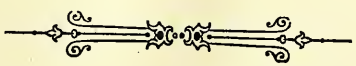

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LIST OF MINISTERS.

BUMGARNER, W. J.	Swanner
CHILDERS, W. R.	Taylorsville
CROUCH, JACOB	Swanner
DAVID, E.	Taylorsville
GILREATH, ALEX	Cedar Run
GWALTNEY, J. P.	York Institute
GWALTNEY, L. P.	Vashti
MEDLOCK, STEPHEN	Swanner
PENNELL, A. M.	Avilla
POOL, D. W.	Cedar Run
POOL, C. C.	Partee
POOL, J. B.	Partee
TEAGUE, J. R.	Ellendale

PROCEEDINGS.

ANTIOCH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1888.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney. Text, Acts xi: 24.

At 1:30 P. M. the delegates were called to order by the Moderator. Hymn "Ye Servants of the Lord." Prayer by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. The Clerk read the letters and enrolled the folllowing delegates.

ANTIOCH—E. C. Oxford, E. A. Teague, J. C. Caldwell.
BETHEL—E. B. Hendren, E. E. Hendren, Wm. Childers.
CONCORD—Albert Gryder, Nelson Warren.
DOVER—P. C. Downs, M Pennell, Wm. Winkler.
LEBANON—Amon Bumgarner, G. Z. Bumgarner.
LITTLE RIVER—F. M. Brookshire, Wesley Laws, L. D. Robnett.
MACEDONIA—G. M. Fox, F. C. Ingram, H. Christopher.
MT. OLIVE—Isaac Russell, L. W. Kerley, J. W. Pharr.
PILGRIM—Abraham Mayberry, E. S. Millsaps.
PLEASANT HILL—S. J. Harrington, J. H. Hammer, D. C. Laws.
POPLAR SPRING—W. N. Barnes, W. L. Crouch, A. J. Steel.
SULPHUR SPRING—W. P. Ingram, D. W. Hendren, F. L. Blankenship.
TAYLORSVILLE—E. A. Womble, D. W. Moose, J. M. Oxford.
THREE FORK—J. M. Jones, J. Walter Watts, W. V. Watts.

Eld. W. A. Pool and Bro. J. H. Mills were appointed to hold election for officers. Result: Moderator, J. W. Hendren; Clerk, W. E. White; Treasurer, J. C. Bell; Historian, J. B. Pool.

On motion the following order of exercises was adopted for this session:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 A. M. Business meeting at 10 A. M. Sermon at 11:30 A. M. Business meeting at 1:30 P. M. Adjourn at will.

The consideration of the report on "Duties to the Poor" was made special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow, with the understanding that an address from Bro. Mills on the subject occupy the time designated for the sermon.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises—L. P. Gwaltney, E. C. Oxford, E. A. Teague.
Nominations—E. B. Hendren, J. M. Jones, J. W. Pharr.
Digest of Church Letters—E. A. Womble, W. P. Ingram, J. Walter Watts.
Finance—E. S. Millraps, S. J. Harrington, M. Pennell.

The following brethren accepted the invitation to seats with the Association: J. M. Shaver, Brier Creek Association; Eld. W. A. Pool and J. H. West, Caldwell Association; J. H. Mills, Baptist Orphanage; Eld. W. F. Knight, Three Forks Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises then made announcements.

Eld. L. P. Gwaltney read the Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion, the report on Education was to be heard as first business to-morrow.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. W. A. Pool.

FRIDAY. 9:30 A. M.

Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. J. W. Shaver.

10 A. M.

The previous minutes were read and approved.

Bro. R. A. Spainhour accepted a seat with the Association.

The special order being called for, Eld. J. R. Teague read report on

EDUCATION.

One of the noticeable features of to-day is an increased interest in matters of education. This interest is not as marked, however, as it should be. Our educational needs are not few or insignificant. Not the least among these is the need of better qualified teachers; teachers devoted to their profession and imbued with a sense of the duty and responsibility of the work in which they are engaged; teachers whose object is to elevate humanity morally as well as mentally. The teacher needs, also, the sympathy and co-operation of parents and guardians. Education is a mutual work. Let the teacher be ever so skilled and learned, his success depends largely upon the efforts of others. There are few professions in which sympathy and encouragement is more needed or more appreciated. These are indispensable auxiliaries to educational progress; but even with these the work is a failure unless there is an educational appetite on the part of those to be educated. It is a sad fact that most men see and admit the importance of an education only when too late. One of the characteristics of the youth of our land is an uneasy, restless spirit; a desire to assume the duties of citizenship ere they are half prepared for it. Too many content themselves with mediocrity when by effort they might attain a much higher degree of success and usefulness. We would, therefore, urge upon the teacher greater diligence and devotion in his work. Learn to interest as well as instruct; to encourage as well as restrain. Parents, lend a helping hand and encouraging word to that boy or

irl whose mind, well-trained, would be worth more to him and to you than sil-
er or gold. We need more practical education than we have had in the past.
Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HENDREN,
J. R. TEAGUE,
J. M. JONES,
Committee.

Amendment—We recommend Wake Forest College for boys and Thomasville nstitute for girls, and Cedar Run and Moravian Falls Academies and Boomer ligh School as suitable for boys and girls.

On motion, the report was amended by recommending the Acad-mies of Cedar Run, Moravian Falls and Boomer High School, and Wake Forest College.

The report was discussed by J. R. Teague. Suspended.

Eld. J. P. Gwaltney read report on

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Your Committe would call the attention of the brethren of this Association o our duty in regard to the poor. As churches and individuals we especially eed arousing on this important duty; since among us it has been so much neg-ected. Now, brethren, there is no duty more pointedly, plainly and frequently aught in the Word of God. Let this duty no longer be neglected among us, for he needy poor are all around us—and we especially commend to our earnest onsideration the work being done by the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GWALTNEY,
J. W. WATTS,
W. S. McLEOD,
Committee.

Address by Bro. J. H. Mills, Elds. W. A. Pool and J. P. Gwaltney. Collections, $8.97. Adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following brethren to bring the needs of the Orphanage before their respective churches:

Antioch, J. C. Bell; Bethel, E. B. Hendren; Concord, Albert Gryder; Dover, H. Pennell; Lebanon, A. M. Bumgarner; Little River, Wesley Laws; Macedonia, G. M. Fox; Mt. Olive, Isaac Russell; Pilgrim, E. S. Millsaps; Pleasant Hill, S. J. Harrington; Poplar Spring, W. N. Barnes; Sulphur Spring, W. P. Ingram; Taylorsville, E. A. Womble; Three Forks, J. M. Jones.

Also, as committee to arrange for shipping the contributions, Bros. J. C. Bell, E. A. Womble and W. P. Ingram.

1:30 *P. M.*

The report on Education was taken up and after remarks by Eld. W. A. Pool, adopted.

Bro. Isaac Oxford, of Caldwell Association, accepted a seat with the body.

Bro. E. S. Millsaps read report on

MISSIONS.

The evangelization of the world is the one great object for which Christ suf-

fered and died, and his great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," if binding on one Christian, is binding on all. No command is more direct. Shall we turn from our duty? We cannot all become Missionaries—then we should send a substitute. Every one can contribute of the means God has given him to the support of those who can go. Our great desire is to awaken the people of God to the unparalleled opportunities of our age, and the need of a movement more deep and wide; more earnest and self-sacrificing; more bold and aggressive, than anything that has yet been attempted to reach the neglected at home, and evangelize the mighty generations abroad—the one thousand million souls who are dying in Christless despair at the rate of one hundred thousand a day.

Our Own Mission.

The first field that shall claim our attention in this short report is the Associational Mission. This should be encouraged. We hope Bro. Bumgarner has been instrumental this year in bringing many souls to Christ and in establishing a noble work. We commend this work to all who love the cause of Missions and the command of our blessed Lord and Master.

State Missions.

The work among the Baptists of North Carolina is now more encouraging than ever before. Through the Board of the Baptist State Convention every destitute section is rapidly being supplied with Baptist preaching. The Board now employs eighty three Missionaries and thirteen Colporteurs. We should encourage the Board in its work, and pray that God may bless all our efforts with success.

Home Missions.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, since which time it has done all in its power to give the Gospel to every nook and corner of the section occupied by its Board. This Board has control of all the Southern States from Maryland to Texas and from Missouri to Florida, embracing work among the Indians of the West, the negroes of the South, and the foreigners who have crowded into our States. In 1886 Cuba was assigned to the Home Mission Board, so now its territory is very wide and important. In this section the Board has helped to organize perhaps one thousand churches, baptized about seventy-five thousand converts, and much more that we cannot mention—but its record is written on high. There are yet in this section more than one hundred thousand square miles of destitution without Baptist preaching. Seeing such a great need of our aid, should we not give liberally of our means to help in the good work of converting our neighbors?

Foreign Missions.

It is with sentiments of joyous gratitude, chastened by the remembrance of trying and painful experience, that the Board of Foreign Missions struggles on in its efforts to evangelize the world, and year after year testifies to the truth that its efforts are being crowned with unmistakable evidences of the divine presence and blessing. This Board is supporting Missionaries in five different continents—Asia, Africa, Europe and the two Americas. But the stations occupied are very small. The heathen are calling loudly to-day for help, for men to teach them the ways of life and salvation, and these men are asking for money to support themselves while in the work. Let us ever remember the command, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" and "how shall they preach except they be sent?" Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL,
E. S. MILLSAPS,
E. B. HENDREN.
Committee.

Discussed by Elds. D. W. Pool, W. A. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney, and Bro. E. S. Millsaps, and adopted.

Eld. W. J. Bumgarner read the Report on

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would say that we believe it to be the duty of parents to implant in the minds of their children religious principles. This being true, and believing that it can be more effectually done by supplying them with religious literature, we therefore earnestly urge the pastors of this Association to extend the circulation of our denominational papers. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* and *Gospel Herald* as being sound in the doctrine of the Bible as held and practiced by Baptists. We would further recommend that a thorough acquaintance with the *Foreign Mission Journal* will greatly stimulate our people in the work of spreading the gospel in the regions beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER,
AMON BUMGARNER,
Committee.

Discussion deferred until to morrow.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

Bro. E. S. Millsaps read the report on

FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Mission.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Assoc'n Mission.	Minist'rl Edu'n	College Fund.
Antioch	$1 00						
Bethel	2 05						$2 65
Concord	1 12						
Dover	80						
Lebanon	65						
Little River	1 15						
Macedonia	95						
Mt. Olive	50			$1 25			3 55
Pilgrim	1 70				$4 00		
Pleasant Hill	60						
Poplar Spring	60			50	2 25		
Sulphur Spring	1 00						
Taylorsville	60						
Three Forks	1 45			1 90			
Total	$14 17			$3 65	$6 25		$6 20
Total for all objects							$30.27

Adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Eld. W. A. Pool.

SATURDAY, 10:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. Holsclaw.

The Report on Periodicals was taken up and discussed by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner, and adopted.

The Clerk read the Report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is a fact very generally admitted that the great work which Christ inaugurated and committed to his Disciples, the dissemination of the gospel throughout the world, is to be carried forward through human instrumentality. Upon the church, in its various relations, rests the responsibility of this important work. And while it is true that the preaching of the gospel is the principal medium through which this work is to be accomplished, yet other agents are to be used in effecting this great work, among which the Sunday School occupies a very important position. When properly conducted it is one of the most effective agents used in the moral and religious training of the youth of our country. The true importance of this work is at once evident when we consider that the primary object of the Sunday School is to instruct the young in the truths and teachings of the Bible. Seed sown in the Sunday School and fostered by the prayers of Christians are sure to produce good results. It is encouraging to know that God has in the past greatly blessed the work of the Sunday School, and we have ample assurance that all honest efforts made for the dissemination of the truth in this way will still be blessed of Him, and that even greater results may be realized by greater zeal, renewed interest and a more thorough consecration on the part of Christians to this work. Since here, with many, the first religious impressions are made and principles implanted which largely shape their future happiness and usefullness; and seeing the imperative need of a more general awakening in the prosecution of this work, we should, as a body, as a church, and as individual Christians use our utmost efforts to enlist a more general interest in this department of Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. POOL,
J. W. HENDREN,
Committee.

In the absence of Eld. C. C. Pool, on motion discussion of the report was deferred and Bro. J. W. Hendren requested to deliver a Sunday School address at such hour Sunday morning as the Committee on Religious Exercises may appoint.

Eld. J. B. Pool read the report on

TEMPERANCE

In Acts, 24: 25, while Paul reasoned with Felix and Drusilla of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled. In Gallatians, 5: 23, we find that temperance is a virtue against which there is no law. In ii Peter, 1: 6, we find it is a virtue that we are to add. From the first we find the effect; from the second we find the safety; from the third we find the duty. Surely all Christians will be in favor of this the most ennobling of graces.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POOL,
J. C. BELL,
J. W. MILLSTEAD,
Committee.

Disenssed by Eld. J. B. Pool.
Adopted.

11:30 *A. M.*

Sermon by Eld. D. W. Pool. Text: Phil. 2: 12-13. Collection (for Foreign Mission), $5.23.

1:30 *P. M.*

The Clerk read the report on

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The mutual relations existing between church and pastor are so varied that your committee cannot present this subject in detail. To properly appreciate and understand this important relation underlies all successful church work. It is the deliberate opinion of your committee that to develvop the churches to their whole duty in supporting their pastors and to induce our preachers to practice that self denying aggressiveness required of them in God's blessed truth, is the great relgious problem of the future. We recommend to the prayerful study of all our people 1 Cor., 9: 1-19, as clearly setting forth our mutual duties in this important relation.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

Remarks by Elds. W. A. Pool and I. Oxford.

Bro. E. A. Womble read the report on

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

As shown by letters 10 churches have Sunday schools; average attendance, 65; total number in schools. 605; amount collected from Taylorsville school for supplies. $12.60, and from Sulphur Springs for supplies, $3.85. No other schools report any collecting. Total membership of churches shown by letters, 1851. We recommend the following brethren to settle the difficulty in Macedonia church: T. B. Cambell, W. M Lackey, J D. Mullace, E. B. Hendren, W. P. Echerd. We cannot give a full report, as the clerks did not give a full report on Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. WOMBLE.
W. P. INGRAM,
J. W. WATTS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Clerk read the report on

NOMINATIONS.

Time of Next Session—Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1889.
Place—Bethel Church.
To Preach the Introductory Sermon—J. R. Teague. Alternate, J. B. Pool.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—J. P. Gwaltney, E. A. Womble and A. Mayberry.
Duties to the Poor—W. J. Bumgarner, W. S. McLeod and A. L. Watts.
Education—J. W. Hendren, Wesley Laws and S. J. Harrington.
Sunday Schools—J. B. Pool, C. W. Sower and T. P. Lackey.
Temperance—L. P. Gwaltney, W. E. White and E. S. Millsaps.
Church and Pastoral Relations—D. W. Pool, V. W. Teague and I. N. Sharpe.
Periodicals—J. R. Teague, W. W Teague and H. Christopher.

CORRESPONDENTS.

To Brushy Mountain—D. W. Pool, J. W. Pharr and J. C. Bell.
To Brier Creek—E. S. Millsaps, L. P. Gwaltney and J. P. Gwaltney.
To South Yadkin—A. Mayberry and E. A. Womble.
To South Fork—W. E. White and V. W. Teague.
To Caldwell—C. C. Pool, J. C. Bell and I. A. Oxford.

To State Convention—J. P. Gwaltney and C. C. Pool.
To Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Pool.

SPECIAL NOMINATIONS.

Association Missionary—W. J. Bumgarner.
Committee to Adjust the Difficulty at Macedonia Church—J. W. Millstead, W. J. Bumgarner, W. S. McLeod, Harvey Meadows and J. R. Teague.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. JONES.
E. B. HENDREN,
J. W. PHARR,
Committee.

Adopted.

W. J. Bumgarner read the report of

ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY.

I, as missionary of your body, was assigned to the following places: Concord, Bethlehem, Michel Stand, and Bro. J. T. Burgess, in Iredell county. I have preached regularly at Concord since last Association; regularly at Bethlehem, and during the summer months at the other two points. Have preached and caused to be preached 66 sermons, had 17 conversions, baptized 15 and recieved by letter 3.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER,
Association Missionary.

The report was received.

The reports of messengers being in order the following were made: Wesley Laws attended the Brushy Mountain Association; E. B. Hendren attended Brier Creek, and W. E. White attended Caldwell.

The following queries presented by some one outside the Association were considered and answered as appended to each:

Query—Is it according to the Word to exlude a member from Fellowship with the church for getting drunk without giving him a trial? *Ans.* Yes.

Query—Is it advisable to exclude a member for drunkenness? *Ans.* Yes.

Query—What degree of drinking ought to be considered drunkenness? *Ans.* We advise our brethren not to drink ardent spirits as a beverage.

On motion it was

Ordered, That the Clerk print 400 copies of the Minutes, and be allowed $5 for his services.

The Treasurer and Historian made statements.

The following brethren were appointed to raise salary for our Missionary for ensuing year: Antioch, A. L. Fox; Bethel, E. E. Hendren; Concord, G. W. Pool; Dover, P. C. Downs; Lebanon, J. M. Fortner; Little River, N. J. Walker; Macedonia, G. W. Hefner; Mt. Olive, Partee Russell; Pilgrim, Abraham Mayberry; Pleasant Hill, E. L. Childers; Poplar Spring, J. F. Robnett; Sulphur Spring, W. J. Davidson; Taylorsville, E. A. Womble; Three Forks, A. L. Watts.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Eld. I. Oxford.

J. W. HENDREN, MODERATOR.

W. E. WHITE, Clerk.

SABBATH.

10 *A. M.*

Address on Sunday Schools by Bro. J. W. Hendren.

11 *A. M.*

Sermon by Eld. W. A. Pool. Text: Acts, 14: 27. Collection (for Foreign Mission), $7.26.

1:30 *P. M.*

Sermon by Eld. T. Holsclaw.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

OCTOBER 6, 1888.

To Alexander Baptist Association:

I submit the following statement of the finances of the Association for the past year:

Minute Fund	$9 23
State Mission	2 25
Foreign Mission	2 25
Collected on Sabbath of last Association for Association Missionary	10 00
Collected at Bethlehem for Foreign Mission, at Fifth Sunday meeting	3 00
	$26 73
Paid to the different objects, as above itemized	26 73

J. C. BELL, *Treasurer.*

Church Membership, &c.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.									MINISTERS.		
	Bapt'z'd	By Let'r	Restor'd	Dism's'd	Exclu'd	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordain'd	Licent's	Time of preach'g
Antioch	.....	...	...	...	...	...	102	155	257	.....	1	4th
Bethel	10	1	1	10	2	2	90	135	225	3	.....	2d
Charity									60			
Concord	15	3	...	...	...	2	24	38	62	.....	.....	4th
Dover	6	...	...	4	3	1	47	66	113	1	.....	3d
Lebanon	5	...	...	6	1	2	27	37	64	.....	1	4th
Little River	12	4	1	1	...	2	46	78	124	.....	.....	1st
Macedonia	14	6	1	2	5	3	58	118	176	1	.....	2d
Mt. Olive	9	2	1	8	2	3	61	86	147	1	.....	3d
Pilgrim	18	2	2	3	4	2			130	1	.....	4th
Pleasant Hill	23	...	2	1	...	1	25	63	88	.....	.....	4th
Poplar Spring	14	3	2	5	1	1	32	51	83	.....	.....	2d
Sulphur Spring	10	2	...	8	2	2	48	89	137	.....	.....	2d
Taylorsville	5	6	...	...	...	...	14	20	34	1	.....	1st
Three Forks	8	6	3	4	...	2	72	105	177	3	.....	3d
Total	149	35	13	52	20	23			1877	11	2	

An error was made in last year's statement of the membership of Pleasant Hill church.

Pastors and Clerks, with their Postoffices.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.
Antioch	L. P. Gwaltney..	Vashti	W. E. White	Avilla
Bethel	L. P. Gwaltney..	Vashti	E. B. Hendren	Brushy Mountain
Charity		Vashti	W. W. Stafford..	Barretts Mountn
Concord	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. M. Martin	Hedrick
Dover	J. B. Pool	Partee	P. C. Downs	Downsville
Lebanon	J. B. Pool	Partee	A. M. Bumgarner	Swanner
Little River	J. B. Pool	Partee	Wesley Laws	Kilby
Macedonia	J. B. Pool	Partee	H. Christopher..	Taylorsville
Mt. Olive	J. P. Gwaltney...	York Inst'te	J. W. Pharr	Kilby
Pilgrim	D. W. Pool	Cedar Run	D. W. Mayberry	Grade
Pleasant Hill	C. C. Pool	Partee	S. J. Harrington	Vashti
Poplar Spring	C. C. Pool	Partee	J. F. Robnett	Partee
Sulphur Spring	J. P. Gwaltney...	York Inst'te	W. P. Ingram	Hiddenite
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney..	Vashti	J. W. Bowles	Taylorsville
Three Forks	L. P. Gwaltney..	Vashti	J. M. Jones	Taylorsville

Financial Exhibit.

CHURCHES.	CONTRIBUTIONS.								
	Pastor's Salary	Church Exp'nse	Minist'rl Educ'tn	State Mission	Assoc'n Mission	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Total
Antioch	$57 75	.....	.....	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	$2 00	$69 75
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	$11 35	2 05	24 40
Charity									
Concord	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 25	1 12	25 37
Dover	.....	$13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 35	80	16 65
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	65	5 65
Little River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	1 15
Macedonia	50 00	24 90	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	95	80 85
Mt. Olive	27 65	2 35	.....	.....	6 59	$1 25	.....	50	37 74
Pilgrim	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	10 00	1 70	14 70
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	60	1 60
Poplar Spring	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25	50	.....	60	3 35
Sulphur Spring	75 00	.....	.....	$2 35	3 75	.....	.....	1 00	82 10
Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 63	60	26 23
Three Forks	.....	9 00	.....	.....	23 85	2 20	9 30	1 45	45 80
Total	$204 80	$47 75	.....	$2 35	$52 44	$3 95	$67 88	$16 17	$435 34

Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES.	SUPERIN'TDS.	POSTOFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP, ETC.					
			No. Scholars	Officers & Teachers	Total	Average Attend'ce	Verses Memoriz'd	Contributions
Antioch	J. C. Munday	Little River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	J. W. Hendren	Vashti	60	6	66	35	.....	.....
Charity								
Concord	Wilson Stewart	Hedrick	37	5	42	30	.....	.....
Dover			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	A. A. Bumgarner	Swanner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little River			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	J. W. Pharr	Kilby	66	5	71	37	.....	.....
Pilgrim	J. D. Mayberry	Grade	70	4	74	54	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	E. L. Childers	Vashti	82	5	87	29	.....	.....
Poplar Spring			85	8	93	38	46	.....
Sulphur Spring	R. L. Davis	Hiddenite	45	5	50	30	.....	$3 85
Taylorsville	E. A. Womble	Taylorsville	65	9	74	47	.....	12 60
Three Forks			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total			510	47	557			

History of Antioch Church.

In obedience to the duties imposed on me in the Constitution of our Association as Historian, I herewith submit as brief a history of Antioch church as possible.

This church is located in Ellendale township, Alexander county, N. C., about 9 miles west of Taylorsville. It was organized on the 29th day of July, 1826, by a Presbytery consisting of Ministers and Deacons: Wm. Dodson, Sr., Wm. Hines, Richard Wallace, Wm. Dodson, Jr., John Swaim and Alexander West. The brethren and sisters were found orthodox and were constituted into a Baptist church called Antioch. The church was organized with 6 males and 7 females; by the close of the year 13 more were added to the membership. Rev. Wm. Dodson was first pastor, then Wm. Richards, to September 18, 1830. On May 10, 1828, Rebecca White joined by experience. The church has belonged to the following Associations: Brier Creek, Catawba, Lewis Fork, Brushy Mountain and Alexander. On September 18, 1830, J. F. McCall was chosen pastor. Wm. Richards in August, 1832. On the 6th of June, 1835, Wm. D. Holder was made pastor, and was pastor up to 1843. Benjamin Austin was clerk from 1826 to 1839, then Christian Baker from 1839 to 1847.

Records lost from 1843 to 1847. On May 22, 1847, Wm. Goforth was made pastor. R. L. Steel and J. H. West, April 22, 1848. Jas. Reed and Wm. Pool, January, 1851. George Swaim, May, 1853. H. Holsclaw, June, 1854. H. Holsclaw and George Swaim, December, 1855. George Swaim and Daniel Austin, April, 1858. J. B. Powell and Daniel Austin, May, 1859. J. Crouch, December, 1862. Wm. Pool and D. B. Brown, January, 1868. S. Fergeson, 1869. C. C. Pool, March, 1871. G. D. Sherrill, August, 1875. Wm. T. Davis, April, 1876. Wm. and J. B. Pool, July, 1876. L. P. Gwaltney, January, 1879. J. B. Powell, September 27, 1879. L. P. Gwaltney, August 20, 1880. W. A. Pool, November 25, 1882. L. P. Gwaltney, January 2, 1885. J. B. Pool, August 6, 1885. H. D. Lequeux, October 24, 1885. L. P. Gwaltney, August 20, 1886—present incumbent.

Jas. Reed was Clerk from 1847 to November, 1849. R. H. Teague from 1849 to December, 1853. H. M. Julian from 1853 to April, 1855. W. S. Pool from 1855 to November, 1860. H. M. Julian from 1860 to June, 1871. R. W. Munday from 1871 to 1874. S. P. Austin from 1874 to July, 1879. W. E. White from 1879 to the present. The church has had 22 different men as pastors since its organization, and 9 as clerk. The church began with 13 members; in 1847 it numbered 62; now, 1888, it has a membership of 257, with some on the old roll.

J. B. POOL, *Association Historian.*

Sketches of Deceased Members.

BY J. B. POOL, ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN.

I herewith submit, with fond reccollection, some few thoughts con erning some brethren who have left the walks of men and are not, or God has taken them.

WILLIAM GRYDER.

Old brother Wm. Gryder was born May 21, 1809, and died January 1, 1888: aged 79 years and 8 months. He became a member of the hurch in 1841 and lived a consistent Christian for 47 years. He was erk of Macedonia Baptist church for over 20 years. As a neighbor, e was good; as a citizen, just; as a Christian, he was devoted, scarcely ver missing a church meeting and while in health casting an influ- ice that few others did.

JAMES WILLIAM MILLSAPS.

James Wm. Millsaps, son of J. C. and L. J. Millsaps, was born ecember 24, 1866. He was always a good boy, not caring to engage such things as generally please other boys. He was always a lover books, and when quite young evinced a proficiency in the common hool branches. In 1883 he professed religion and joined Pilgrim aptist church, where he lived a consistent member until his death. e was always earnest in the Lord's work, and was never known to absent from the church meeting, save three or four times, and then was in school. He was a zealous worker in the Sunday School for ree yeass, was the ladies' teacher at Pilgrim church. This seemed great work for him. The Bible was the study of his latter years. e had a good education and became a school teacher of some note. he greatest characteristic that marked his last years was his extreme ety. He died January 14, 1888, of typhoid pneumonia, resulting om a relapse of measles. The writer of this became acquainted with o. Millsaps some three years ago. As a companion, he was good; a student he was energetic; as a historian, to his age he was unsur- ssed.

ROMULUS F. MAYBERRY.

Romulus F. Mayberry was born July 8, 1870. He joined the Bap- t church at Pilgrim when 15 years old, in August, 1885. He lived consistent Christian for the last three years of his life, was faithful his Sunday School, and died as he had lived, in Christian triumph: other of the jewels of Pilgrim church gone home.

JABEZ AND NANCY HENDREN.

Jabez Hendren was born August, 1805, and died August 27, 3. He joined Bethel Baptist church in 1843. He lived a consist- member of the church for 45 years. He was a deacon for 40 years

and served as clerk for 12 years. Nancy Hendren, wife of Jabez Hendren, was born in July, 1809, and died August 3, 1888. She was a member of Bethel church for 45 years, having joined a short time before her husband. Old Bro. Hendren was 83 years old and Sister Hendren 79 when they died. In their demeanor they were good, kind and benevolent; in their Christian life they were faithful, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn at their departure.

ELDER JAMES REED.

Elder James Reed departed this life in the month of April of the present year in Cooke county, Texas. Though of course not a member of this Association, yet he deserves special mention here on account of the great service he performed for the Master's cause in this county and adjoining ones. His fearless faithfulness and love for the souls of mankind were his characteristics as a minister. He went to Texas in September, 1866, where he continued in the active work of the ministry as long as his health would permit. His stern and uncompromising opposition to the infamous liquor traffic made him some enemies; yet the good seed he sowed is beginning to bear fruit, and his name will be cherished by all lovers of good order when those of his traducers will have passed into oblivion. Let us, who enjoy the benefits of teachings and labors for the salvation of the human family, perpetuate the memory of this truly good man as an incentive to laborers who are yet to come to "go and do likewise."

Donated by R. L. Downs,
Lenoir, N.C.

Minutes.

MINUTES

OF THE

Third - Annual - Session

OF THE

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Bethel Baptist Church, Alexander County, N. C.

October 3, 4, 5. and 6, 1889.

J. W. HENDREN, MODERATOR.....Vashti, N. C.
W. E. WHITE, CLERK.....Avilla, N. C.

Next Session to be held with Concord Church, Alexander County, N. C., Thursday before the first Lord's-day in October, 1890.

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Proceedings.

BETHEL, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1889.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. B. Pool. Text, ohn ix: 4

At 1:30 P. M. the delegates were called to order by the Moderator. lymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Prayer by Eld. W. A. Myers. The Clerk read the Church letters and enrolled the following del- gates:

ANTIOCH—H. M. Crouch, J. A. White, W. F. Munday.
BETHEL—E. B. Hendren, David Williams, A. C. Bentley.
CONCORD—T. A. Hudson.
DOVE—P. C Downs, H. C. Pennell, M. S. Pennell.
LEBANON—A. M. Bumgarner, Jas. M. Watts.
LITTLE RIVER—Wesley Laws, N. J. Walker.
MACEDONIA—H. Christopher, Fred. Warren, W. G. Gryder.
MT. OLIVE—Isaac Russell, J. W. Pharr, Jas Davis.
PILGRIM—J. D. Mayberry, E. S. Millsaps.
PLEASANT HILL—Franklin Mayberry, E. L. Childers, S. J. Harrington.
POPLAR SPRING—W. H. Chapman, W. N. Barnes.
SULPHUR SPRING—J. K. Gwaltney, B. F. Steel, J. L. Davis.
TAYLORSVILLE—T. B. Campbell, J. W. Bowles, W. C. Pope.
THREE FORKS—J. M. Jones.

Eld. W. A. Myers and Bro J. W. Oliver were appointed to hold ection for officers. Result: Moderator, J. W. Hendren. Clerk, W. White. Treasurer, J. C. Beil. Historian, J. B. Pool.
The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—L. P. Gwaltney, E. B. Hendren, D. Williams.
Nominations—Wesley Laws, H. Chrissopher, J. D. Mayberry.
Digest of Church Letters—E. S. Millsaps, J. R. Gwaltney, H. M. Crouch.
Finance—J. L. Davis, T. B. Campbell, P. C. Downs.

Brethern W. G. Fox, V. W. Teague and Robert Barnhill presented etter containing petition of Bethlehem Church asking admission to Association and statistics of the Church. The Church was re- ved and the delegates welcomed to seats.
Elders J. Hollar, Y. Jordan and W. A. Myers, of Brier Creek Asso- tion, and Bro. J. W. Oliver, from Baptist Orphanage, accepted ls with the Association.

Eld. L. P. Gwaltney read Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion of Bro. L. P. Gwaltney the consideration of the reports of the Committee on Duties to Poor was made special order for 10 A. M. to-morrow.

On motion of Eld. C. C. Pool, the following order of exercises was adopted:

Prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M. Bussiness meeting, 10 A. M. Sermon, 11:30 A. M. Business meeting, 1:30 P. M. Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Religious Exercises then made announcements. Adjourned with prayer by Eld. Y. Jordan.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. Y. Jordan.

10 A. M.

The previous Minutes were read and approved.

Eld. W. J. Bumgarner read the report on

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

There is, perhaps no one duty that is more fully set forth in the word of God than ours to the poor, and none that is so much neglected. We feel that this is a departure from Apostolic times. The Lord Jesus Christ himself gave special attention to the wants of the poor. The first deacons were ordained to care for the poor. And the Apostle Paul went everywhere among the various Churches collecting funds for the poor saints at Jerusalem. Now, Brethren, the poor are with us. The Lord has said they shall never cease out of the land. Let us awake to our duty, remembering that "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." There are, also, among us little fatherless and motherless children without anyone to care for their better interest, who, if left to themselves, may grow up to curse society, to grace prison walls, and go down with those who must people that dark world of woe; but who, if properly cared for, may become a blessing to society, lights in the church of the living God, and may, in the end, join in with that number that people the realms of endless joy.

We have at Thomasville, in the Baptist Orphanage, a home for these little children where this glorious work may be accomplished. Therefore, we earnestly recommend your co-operation with the Baptists of the State in the support of this institution.

W. J. BUMGARNER, *Ch'm'n*

Addresses by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner and Bro. J. W. Oliver.

There was raised for the Orphanage, as subscription to *Charity and Children*, $10; by contributions, $4.85.

The report was adopted, and the following were appointed to represent the Orphanage before their respective Churches and solicit contributions for the same, with the request that such contributions be delivered at Taylorsville for shipment on November 25:

Antioch, J. C. Bell; Bethel, E. B. Hendren; Bethlehem, W. G. Fox; Concord, T. A. Hudson; Dover, H. C. Pennell; Lebanon, Amon Bumgarner; Liv-

River, N. J. Walker; Macedonia, F. A. Warren; Mt. Olive, Partee Russell; Pilgrim, J. D. Mayberry; Pleasant Hill, E. L. Childers; Poplar Spring, W. N. Barnes; Sulphur Spring, W. J. Davis; Taylorsville, Miss Dorcas Sloan; Three Forks, W. S. McLeod.

Also, as committee to arrange for shipping the contributions, Bros. E. C. Sloan, J. C. Bell, W. P. Ingram.

11:30 *A. M.*

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Stowell. Text, 137th Psalm, 5-6.

2 *P. M.*

Eld. L. P. Gwaltney read the report on

MISSIONS.

The work of State Mission embracing the work in our own State, claims our first and earnest attention. This work has been carried forward in some form for 150 years; first by men going out on their own responsibility; second by Associational appointment and aid, and now by appointment of the Central Committee of the Baptist State Convention. In this work is now employed 91 missionaries. Your Committee regard this work as the basis of all successful mission work; "Begin at Jerusalem," then to all the world. This work has been greatly blessed, and if we can retain the aggressiveness of the Fathers, coupled with organization of our day, aided by the prayers and contributions of our people, our beloved State will soon be taken for our Master.

Home Missions

Involves the religious problem of the Negro and the Indian races in the South and West, as well as the Foreign element continually pouring into our country. It embraces, also, the work in Cuba. This work in the past has been highly fruitful—more than $75,000 having been already baptized.

Foreign Missions.

Your Committe would simply add that the world is now open to the reception of the Gospel, and since we now have 30 Missionaries from our beloved State engaged in this great work, it appeals loudly to us to aid in the great work of giving the gospel to the heathen world. L. P. GWALTNEY, *Chm'n.*

Addresses by Eleds. J. C. Stowell and L. P. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted, and the following were appointed to represent Missions before their respective Churches and solicit contributions for the same:

Antioch, H. M. Crouch; Bethel, J. W. Henren; Bethlehem, V. W. Teague; Concord, D. W. Stewart; Dover, P. C. Downs; Lebanon, J. W. Fortner; Little River, Wesley Laws; Macedonia, H. Christopher; Mt. Olive, J. W. Pharr; Pilgrim, E. S. Millsaps; Pleasant Hill, S. J. Harrington; Poplar Spring, J. F. Robbett; Sulphur Spring, W. P. Ingram; Taylorsville, Mrs. A. W. Sower; Three Forks, J. M. Jones.

On motion the Association promised $25 to State Missions in addition to Associational Mission work.

Bro. R. A. Spainhour and Eld. W. C. Meadows, of Brushy Mountain Association, and Eld. J. S. Gwaltney of Caldwell Association accepted seats.

On motion the Association promised $25 to Foreign Missions.

Bro. E. S. Millsaps read the report on

PERIODICALS.

If you would learn of the Saviour, read the Bible. If you would learn of th work of your Church, read the *Biblical Recorder*. Your committee would urg the necessity of religious reading. We think it the duty of every Baptist fathe to provide religious reading for his children. It is not enough to give them th Bible alone, for it is often dry and uninteresting to them; but give them, with the Bible, good, wholesome, religious literature, and you will stimulate a love for Bible reading. Reading is the most important part of our education. Show us a reading man and we will show you an intelligent man. Then, as this i the case, we advise all to provide good books and papers for their families. W can recommend the *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children* to the support o all. You cannot afford to be without them.

Respectfully submitted.

E. S. MILLSAPS.
J. R. GWALTNEY.
H. CHRISTOPHER,
Committee.

Remarks by Bro. Millsaps and Eld. W. A. Myers.

Adopted.

Eld. J. B. Pool read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In Ephesians vi: 4 Paul says, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This injunction is laid on the parents. We ask, Where can they better train and bring up children in the admonition of the Lord than in the Sunday School? In Proverbs xxii: 6 Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." In Mathew vi: 33 Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." These passages are the dictations of the chief Apostle of the Gentiles, the Wise Man, and the King of Kings. Are they true? Now, if the Churches would be benefited, they must take hold of the Sunday School and teach the name of Jesus. We find in this Association 8 schools representing 55 officers and teachers, 528 children with 1960 verses memorized. We recommend this work to every church in this Association. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. POOL,
C. W. SOWER,
T. P. LACKEY.
Committee.

The report was adopted and made the special order for Sunday morning.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. J. S. Gwaltney.

10 *A. M.*

The previous Minutes read and approved.

Eld. J. P. Gwaltney read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

We can but view with alarm the rapid strides that intemperance has made in e land within the last twenty-five years. And especially has it laid its wither- g hand upon the young and rising generation. So that if this evil continues increase with the same rapidity for the next half century there will scarcely a sober man found. It has invaded the sanctity of the Church as well as the cial circle. The all-important question of the day is, how shall it be arrested? his is not in our province to say. But we hold it to be an evident truth that e sacred words of Holy Writ upon this subject should receive the earnest at- ntion of this body, and that our Churches and pastors should be earnestly en- eated to use all the Scriptural means in their power to arrest the progress of is mighty evil.

J. P. GWALTNEY,
E. S. MILLSAPS,
W. E. WHITE,
Committe.

Address by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney; remarks by Bro. E. S. Millsaps, lds. J. S. Gwaltney and J. B. Pool.

Adopted.

11:30 *A. M.*

Sermon by Eld. W. A. Myers. Text, Phil. iv: 13.

2 *P. M.*

Bro. J. L. Davis read the report on

FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Mission.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission.	Assoc'n Mission.
ntioch	$1 50	$1 32	$1 32	$1 32	.....
ethel	1 90	....	.....	.....	$6 55
ethlehem	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
oncord	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
over	85	.....	1 20	.....	.....
ebanon	75	....	.....	2 00	.....
ittle River	65	.....	.....	.....	50
acedonia	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....
t. Olive	70	.....	.....	2 60	.....
ilgrim	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
leasant Hill	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
oplar Spring	75	.....	.....	25	1 00
ulphur Spring	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
aylorsville	90	.....	.....	3 60	4 40
hree Forks	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$15 50	$1 32	$2 52	$9 77	$12 45
Total for all objects					$41.56.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. DAVIS,
T. B. CAMPBELL,
P. C. DOWNS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The clerk read the report on

EDUCATION.

There never has been a period in the history of our country when men o learning were not in demand. Our present advancement as a people is due, i no small degree, to the influence of men of high mental and moral culture The progress of education within the past few years has, indeed, been remarka ble; and yet the demand for educated men at the present day seems to be more urgent than ever. In the lapse of time our population has increased; our relations socially and politically, have become more complex; new theories, dangerous to society, to liberty, and to the Church, are springing up in various sections o our country. These must be met and exposed; and to do this successfully ed ucation must be used as one of the chief weapons. One of the great safeguard to our liberties, as a people, is to be found in the wisdom and intelligence of he citizens; and these qualities in their highest degree can be attained only by thorough mental training. Not only should the leaders in Church and State b educated, but its influence should permeate every grade of society and its powe be felt in the humblest callings of life. It was a principle of our forefather that every boy should be put in the way of honestly maintaining himself. Thi is a principle worthy of our imitation, and deserves to be perpetuated for all time to come. In no way can you show your appreciation of this truth more forcibly than by giving your boys and girls the advantage of a good practical education Another important feature of this subject is ministerial education. A divine call to the work of the ministry, and then thorough consecration to that work are, of course, the first and most essential qualifications of the minister of the Gospel; and yet there is a certain mental preparation necessary, which he, as an individual, must acquire himself. We therefore recommend the work of the State Board of Education in the education of the young ministers of our State as a work worthy of our encouragement and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HENDREN.
WESLEY LAWS.
S. J. HARRINGTON.
Committee.

Address by Bro. J. W. Hendren.

Adopted.

Eld. D. W. Pool read the report on

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Much as has been written and spoken on the subject of Church and Pastoral Relations, your committee finds it difficult to present it in all its varied forms. Doubtless no more important subject will claim the attention of this body, and perhaps, none have been as prone to fly to extremes on this as on any other subject; yet we believe that upon the proper solution of this question depends, to a great extent, the future prosperity of the Church. We earnestly commend to the ministry of our day the careful and prayerful study of the following passages of Scripture: I. Cor. ix: 12-15-18; II. Cor. xii: 13-14; and to the laymen the study of I. Cor. ix.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL, *Chm'n.*

Address by Eld. D. W. Pool; remarks by Elds. J. S. Gwaltney, I. P. Gwaltney and C. C. Pool.

Adopted.

Bro. E. S. Millsaps read the report on

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee on Digest of Church Letters report the following: We fin

5 Churches represented by letters, from which we get: Ordained ministers, 11; iptized, 79; received by letter, 41; restored, 13; dismissed, 50; excluded, 20; ied, 15. Males, 721; females, 1184; total, 1905. Pastor's salary, $374.25; inci-entals, $66.41; Minute fund, $13.95; repairs, $171.47; Associational mission, 38.36; Foreign mission, $13.73; Home mission, $4.50; Orphanage, $15.10. Sun-ay School officers and teachers, 55; scholars, 429; papers taken, 29; contribu-ons, $18.

We respectfully ask the Clerks of the different Churches to make full reports of l the expense of their Churches, so that exact statistics of the Association can be btained.

Respectfully submitted.

E. S. MILLSAPS,
C. C. POOL,
H. M. CROUCH,
Committee.

Adopted.

Eld. J. B. Pool read the

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

the Alexander Baptist Association. Greeting:

BRETHREN: I have labored during the past Associational year at three points Bethlehem, Concord, and Burgess's Stand, in Iredell county—under the direc-on of this Association. I have traveled, going to and from my appointments, 0 miles, preached 47 sermons, baptized 5, received by letter 2. I have received 0.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. BUMGARNER, *Ass'nl Missionary.*

Eld. W. J. Bumgarner tendered his resignation as Associational issionary, which was, on motion, accepted.

Bro. Wesley Laws read the report of the Committee on

NOMINATIONS.

Time of Next Session—Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1890.
Place—Concord Church.
To Preach the Introductory Sermon—D. W. Pool. Alternate, L. P. Gwaltney.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—W. J. Bumgarner, W. S. McLeod and W. Laws.
Duties to the Poor—J. P. Gwaltney, J. D. Mayberry and A. L. Watts.
Education—J. J. Hendren, J. E. Gilreath and W. P. Ingram.
Sunday Schools—C. C. Pool, T. P. Laekey and C. W. Sower.
Temperance—W. E. White, E. S. Millsaps and T. B. Campbell.
Church and Pastoral Relations—J. P. Gwaltney, J. L. Davis and C. Patterson.
Periodicals—D. W. Pool, H. Christopher and E. A. Womble.

CORRESPONDENTS.

To Brushy Mountain—N. J. Walker and W. J. Bumgarner.
To Brier Creek—E. S. Millsaps and E. B. Hendren.
To South Yadkin—F. A. Warren and W. R. Childers.
To South Fork—W E. White and V. W. Teague.
To Caldwell—J. C. Bell and I. A. Oxford.
To State Convention—L. P. Gwaltney and C. C. Pool.
To Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Pool. Alternate, W. E. White.

Respectfully submitted.

W. LAWS,
J. D. MAYBERRY,
H. CHRISTOPHER,
Committee.

After discussion the time of holding the next session was changed to the Thursday before the first Sunday in October.

Adopted.

The following query was presented from Antioch church:

Query—Should church members be allowed to participate in games or amusements where money is staked upon the issue of the operations. *Ans.* No.

The reports of Messengers being in order the following were made: E. S. Millsaps, L. P. Gwaltney and J. P. Gwaltney attended Brier Creek Association; J. P. Gwaltney attended the State Convention, and J. B. Pool attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Historian read his report, which is appended hereto.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney.

J. W. HENDREN, MODERATOR.

W. E. WHITE, Clerk.

SUNDAY.

10 *A. M.*

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

The report on Sunday Schools was taken up as a special order, and discussion was participated in by Elds. W. J. Bumgarner and C. C. Pool.

11:30 *A. M.*

Sermon by Eld. J. B. Pool. Text. Romans viii, 10.

Collection for Missions, $5.25.

Adjournment.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

OCTOBER 5, 1889.

To Alexander Baptist Association:

I submit the following statement of the finances of the Association for the past year:

Foreign Mission	$9 3
Association Mission	6 2
Baptist Orphanage	9 0
Minute Fund	15 9
	$40 6
Paid to the different objects as above itemized	40 6

J. C. BELL, *Treasurer.*

Church Membership, &c.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.									MINISTERS		Time of preaching
	Baptiz'd	By Let'r	Restor'd	Dism'd	Excl'd	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordan'd	Licen't's	
ioch	2	...	...	1	1	1	102	154	256	.....	1	4th
iel	6	2	2	5	...	2	91	137	228	3	.....	2d
ilehem	5	2	...	...	...	...	22	53	75	.....	.....	3d
cord	...	...	...	...	1	...	24	37	61	.....	.....	4th
er	5	2	2	2	5	2	39	69	108	1	.....	1st
anon	16	8	...	11	1	1	31	45	75	1	.....	4th
le River	...	13	...	2	...	1	47	85	132	.....	.....	1st
edonia	13	1	2	1	3	3	59	122	181	1	.....	2d
Olive	12	2	6	16	4	3	60	89	149	.....	.....	3d
rim	...	1	...	1	1	...	.....	.....	130	1	.....	4th
sant Hill	14	5	...	...	...	...	27	78	105	.....	.....	4th
lar Spring	...	1	...	3	1	...	32	50	82	.....	.....	2d
hur Spring	...	...	...	1	...	...	47	88	135	.....	.....	2d
lorsville	2	3	...	...	...	...	16	23	39	1	.....	1st
e Forks	1	1	...	5	6	1	66	99	165	3	.....	3d
Totals	76	41	12	48	23	14	662	1129	1921	11	1	

Pastors and Clerks, with their Postofficers.

URCHES.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.
ioch	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	W. E. White	Vashti
iel	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	E. B. Hendren	Brushy Mountain
ilehem	W.J. Bumgarner	Swanner	W. G. Fox	Mount Bethel
cord	W.J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. M. Martin	Hedrick
er	J. B. Pool	Partee	P. C. Downs	Downsville
anon	J. B. Pool	Partee	A. M. Bumgarner	Swanner
ie River	C. C. Pool	Partee	Wesley Laws	Kilby
edonia	J. B. Pool	Partee	H. Christopher	Taylorsville
Olive	J. P Gwaltney	York Instute	J. W. Pharr	Kilby
rim	D.W. Pool	Cedar Run	J. D. Mayberry	Grade
sant Hill	C. C. Pool	Partee	S.J.Harrington	Vashti
lar Spring	W.J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. F. Robnett	Partee
hur Spring	W. A.Pool	Statesville	W. P.Ingram	Hiddenite
lorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti		Taylorsville
e Forks	D.W. Pool	Vashti	J. M. Jones	Taylorsville

Financial Exhibit.

CHURCHES.	CONTRIBUTIONS								Total
	Pastor's Salary.	Church Exp'nse	State Mission	Assoc'n Mission	Foreign Mission	Baptist Orph'ge	Other Objects	Minute Fund	
Antioch	$50 00	.....	.....	$3 96	.....	.....	$5 15	$1 50	$60 61
Bethel	75 00	.....	.....	6 55	$3 78	$4 50	1 86	1 90	93 59
Bethlehem	.....	$25 00	.....	5 50	.....	.....	5 50	1 05	37 05
Concord	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	15 95
Dover	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	95	2 15
Lebanon	25 00	12 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	9 00	85	50 85
Little River	19 95	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	75	21 20
Macedonia	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 70	1 15	65 85
Mt. Olive	.....	.....	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	75	3 35
Pilgrim	.....	70	.....	5 75	.....	.....	.....	1 10	7 55
Pleasant Hill	30 25	155 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	186 27
Poplar Spring	15 00	9 85	.....	1 00	25	.....	.....	78	26 88
Sulphur Spring	75 00	.....	$3 00	4 50	1 50	1 00	.....	1 00	86 00
Taylorsville	75 00	310 68	.....	4 40	3 50	5 00	.....	84	399 52
Three Forks	60 00	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	66 00
Totals	$490 20	$513 35	$3 00	$42 46	$11 13	$10 50	$36 21	$15 97	$1122 82

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINT'DS	POSTOFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP, &C.				
			No. Scholars	Officers & Teachers	Total	Average Attend'ce	Contributions.
Bethel	J. W. Hendren	Vashti	56	4	60	.....	.....
Bethlehem	W. W. Teague	Bentley	50	10	60	30	.....
Lebanon	A. M. Bingarner.	Swanner	72	8	80	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	J. W. Pharr	Kilby	51	6	57	.....	.....
Pilgrim	J. D. Mayberry	Grade	50	5	55	30	$4 5
Pleasant Hill	E. L. Childers	Vashti	45	5	50	.....	.....
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville.	52	9	61	45	18 8
		Total	376	47	423		$23 3

HISTORY OF BETHEL CHURCH.

n obedience to my duty as Historian I submit the following:

his church is in Alexander county, N. C., about 10 miles north- of Taylorsville, situated among the mountains, surrounded by a pitable population and a noble band of brethren and sisters. With ard to the time of organization, Presbytery, and numbers who posed the arm from different churches I cannot get. The records lost from the organization up to 1827. We find, however, that hel church was represented in the convention organizing the er Creek association in 1822. In the early days of the church, it Wm. Dodson and E. M. Chaffin as pastors, terms not known. W. Beck was Clerk from 1827 to 1836. John Redman from 1836 to 8. S. P. Smith acted as clerk and pastor from 1838 to 1841, and pastor to 1843. Z. B. Adams from 1843 to 1848. J. G. Bryan J. J. Watts pastors from 1848 to 1853. J. G. Bryan pastor from 3 to 1860. Jas Reed pastor from 1860 to 1861. W. J. Brown from 1 to 1867. J. Crouch from 1867 to 1870. W. A. Pool from 1870 873. L. P. Gwaltney from 1873 to 1876. W. A. Pool from 1876 1877. L. P. Gwaltney from 1877 to 1878. J. P. Gwaltney from 8 to 1881. L. P. Gwaltney from 1881 to 1884. W. A. Myers from 4 to 1887. L. P. Gwaltney from 1887 to 1889. Wm. Hines as k from 1841 to 1845. Jabez Hendren as clerk from 1845 to 1857. Hendren as clerk from 1857 to 1870. E. B. Hendren as clerk n 1870 to 1889. The present membership of the church is about

Respectfully,

J. B. POOL, *Association Historian.*

Sketches of Deceased Members.

BY J. B. POOL, ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN.

n memory of some of the loved of the Lord who have gone over River of Death, I herewith submit the following:

JOHN CHRISTOPHER, Deacon,

s born in Lincoln county, N. C., in the year 1811. He was of Ger- n extraction and consequently, in his young life, was a member of Lutheran faith. But in the year 1847, having professed faith in rist, he joined the Baptist church at Macedonia. In the year 1865 was ordained Deacon in his church. He died October 21, 1888, at age of 77 years, mourned by his family and many friends. The rch at Macedonia sustained a great loss in the death of old broth- Christopher. Notwitstanding he was a man of high temper, he s ever ready in every good word and work in support of the cause Christ. Let us forget his follies and remember his virtues.

JAMES L. BURGESS

was born in Randolph county N. C., in the year 1800. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church at Macedonia, Alexander county, N. C., in the year 1847. He lived a quiet, christian life in the same community for 42 years, never having been dealt with or disciplined during that time. He leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances, having died on the 26th of July, 1889, aged 89 years.

CATHERINE MAYBERRY.

Sister Catherine Mayberry, wife of Deacon J. D. Mayberry, was born March 28,1855,and died October 18,1888,being 33 years 6 months and 20 days old. Sister Mayberry joined the Baptist church at Pilgrim when 15 years of age, and lived a consistent christian life until her death, dying in the full triumph of the Christian faith. She was always ready to speak kind words and assist in every possible way those by whom she was surrounded. She has left a devoted husband and six children to mourn their loss. A devoted and loving wife and mother has gone to her reward on high, whither she was preceded by one of her little ones. The church and community have suffered an irreparable loss, though to her it is an eternal gain. Her spirit onward and upward beyond world, planet, and star has flown and taken its everlasting abode with Jesus her Saviour in the home prepared by Him amid the portals of glory.

Donated by R. L. Downs
Lenoir, N.C.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDER CO., N. C.,

OCTOBER 2, 3 AND 4, 1890.

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L. P. GWALTNEY, MODERATOR.....Vashti, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, CLERK.....Elk Shoal, N. C.

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Next Session to be held with Dover Church, Alexander, Co., Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, 1891.

STATESVILLE, N. C.:
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1890.

Proceedings.

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Concord Church, Alexander Co., N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 2d, 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. D. W. Pool. Text, Matt. xvii: 5.

The Moderator and Clerk of the previous year were both absent, and the delegates were called to order by Bro. J. C. Bell, Treasurer.

After prayer by Bro. L. P. Gwaltney, Eld. L. P. Gwaltney was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and T. A. Hudson Clerk, *pro tem.*

The clerk and Eld. C. C. Pool read the letters and the following delegates were enrolled:

Antioch—J. C. Bell.
Bethel—E. B. Hendren, E. E. Hendren.
Concord—T. A. Hudson, W. G. Gryder, G. W. Pool.
Dover—P. C. Downs, M. S. Pennell.
Lebanon—T. J. Fortner, T. L. Bumgarner.
Macedonia—D. T. Warren, H. Christopher, P. M. Matheson.
Mt. Olive—James Davis.
Pilgrim—Robt. Carson.
Pleasant Hill—E. L. Childers, S. W. Harrington, F. M. Mayberry.
Sulphur Springs—B. F. Steel, W. P. Ingram.
Taylorsville—F. C. Thompson, N. A. Pope.
Three Forks—J. Walter Watts.

Brethren Y. Jordan, W. H. Vanhoy were appointed tellers to hold election for permanent organization. Result: L. P. Gwaltney, Moderator; T. A. Hudson, Clerk; J. C. Bell, Treasurer; J. B. Pool, Historian

The following brethren accepted seats with the Association: Eld. Y. Jordan, Brier Creek; Eld. W. H. Vanhoy, Yadkin Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—W. J. Bumgarner, W. G. Gryder and G. W. Pool.

Nominations—J. C. Bell, H. Christopher, J. Walter Watts.

Digest of Church Letters—C. C. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney, R. Carson.

Finance—J. C. Bell, D. W. Stewart, B. F. Steel.

The Committee on Religious Exercises then made announcement.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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FRIDAY, 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney.

9:30 a. m.

The previous minutes were read and approved.

Eld. W. H. Vanhoy read report on

EDUCATION.

Education is the great safeguard to pure liberty, both in State and in Church, and as we value liberty, so we value education. Wonderful exertions are being made by our people all over the land to educate their boys and girls. The facilities for this purpose are very great. Our boys and girls are found in public schools and other places of learning eager to be taught, for the people have learned that "Knowledge is power," and the pressing necessity with the rising generation is to educate. For the efficient education of our people we would recommend to their consideration the following institutions of learning, to-wit: Moravian Falls, Trap Hill, Jonesville, High Point, Cedar Run and Wake Forest as places where they may equip themselves in education for all important positions in life.

And especially for the young ministers who are seeking education would we recommend the college at Wake Forest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VANHOY,
E. B. HENDREN.

Remarks by Elders W. H. Vanhoy and D. P. Bridges. Adopted.

Eld. J. P. Gwaltney read report on

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Among the many duties relative to our fellow-creatures, there are none more important, and yet none more neglected, than the duty of helping the poor. This duty is strictly enjoined both in the Old and New Testament Scriptures.

There is no duty attended with so many rich promises as this. In Psalms 41:1-4, we read: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." "The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies." "The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

Also Proverbs 19:17: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

Therefore let the pastors and deacons see to it that this object of beneficence is kept before the people. To neglect this will be to neglect Christ. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." We would again invite the attention of the brethren and sisters of this Association to their duty relative to the support of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, an institution worthy of your support and hearty co-operation.

J. P. GWALTNEY.

Remarks by Elds. E. David, Y. Jordan, D. W. Pool, J. B. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner.

Subscription to *Charity and Children*, amounting to $5.

The following brethren were appointed to represent the "Orphanage" in their respective churches and solicit contributions for the same, in kind, to be delivered to E. C. Sloan, J. C. Bell and W. P. Ingram, at Taylorsville, N. C., by December 18th, 1890:

Antioch, J. C. Bell; Bethel, E. B. Hendren; Bethlehem, W. G. Fox; Concord, T. A. Hudson; Dover, P. C. Downs; Lebanon, T. J. Fortner; Little River, N. J. Walker; Macedonia, F. A. Warren; Mt. Olive, James Davis; Pilgrim, R. Carson; Pleasant Hill, E. L. Childers; Poplar Spring, W. N. Barnes; Sulphur Spring, W. P. Ingram; Taylorsville, F. C. Thompson; Three Forks, J. Walter Watts.

The Report was adopted.

Brothers J. M. Shaver, of Brier Creek, and D. P. Bridges, of South Fork, accepted seats with the Association.

Brothers N. J. Walker, J. W. Deal, W. D. M. Deal, presented letter from Little River church, and were seated as members of the Association.

Eld. D. W. Pool read report on

PERIODICALS.

Your committee would especially urge every Baptist to read the *Biblical Recorder* and the *Foreign Mission Journal*. These contain information relative to the work of the denomination at home and abroad, which we need to arouse our sympathies and call forth our energies in the great work committed to us. Then the importance of pure religious literature in the family cannot be over-estimated. The young must and will read. How much more important to their present and eternal interest, that they read something pure rather than the impure literature found in many Christian homes.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL,
H. CHRISTOPHER.

The report was discussed by Y. Jordan, E. David and C. C. Pool. The report was adopted.

11 a. m.

Sermon by Eld. W. H. Vanhoy. Text, 1 Tim., iv: 16.

1 p. m.

Eld. J. B. Pool read report on

TEMPERANCE.

We view with alarm the rapid strides that intemperance is making in our country. It has laid its withering hand on the young of the land; it has organized itself in the make-up of our government; it has invaded the religious and social circle and has become the foe of all that is good and God-like; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Alexander County Baptist Association advise the Churches comprising the same to stand on the side of temperance in all things.

Respectfully,

J. B. POOL.

Discussion of report by Elds. J. B. Pool, W. H. Vanhoy, W. J. Bumgarner, Y. Jordan. Adopted.

Queries from Taylorsville Church answered.

QUERIES FROM TAYLORSVILLE.

1st. Is Church discipline a necessity? Answer: Yes.

2nd. If so, when should it be used? Answer: Whenever errors are committed.

3d. Is not Church discipline essentially necessary for the peace, growth and prosperity of our cause as a Baptist people? Answer: Yes.

J. B. POOL.
E. B. HENDREN,
Committee.

Committee on Devotion made announcements.

Adjourned with benediction.

SATURDAY, 4th, 9 a. m.

Devotional meeting conducted by Eld. Y. Jordan.

9:30 a. m.

Previous minutes read and approved. Committee reported on

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee on Digest of Church Letters reports the following: No. baptized, 90; received by letter, 27; restored, 9; dismissed by letter, 38; excluded, 36; died, 23; No. of males, 697; No. of females, 1203; total, 1900; from 14 Churches, Pastors' salaries, $275.60; Church expenses, $139.82; State missions, $23.47; Foreign missions, $33.78; other objects, $39.74; total for all objects, $424.80. This as reported in Church letters. We are satisfied this scarcely approximates a correct statement of the finances of the Churches.

C. C. POOL,
J. P. GWALTNEY.

Remarks by Eld. C. C. Pool. Adopted.

Elds. I. Oxford, of Caldwell, C. Durham, Cor. Sec'y, and J. A. Spaight, of *Biblical Recorder*, accepted seats in Association. Eld. J. A. Spaight spoke in the interest of the *Recorder*.

Eld. W. J. Bumgarner read report on

MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature," is the marching orders given by the great Commander, the Lord Jesus Christ. And as we go, we are to go as lambs among wolves; we are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Here in God's word we find the manner and purpose both described as to our going. The mission work naturally divides itself into three heads, first, State Missions, includes the giving of the Gospel to every part of our own loved State. This we are happy to know is fast being done according to the manner and purpose as we believe. The number of missionaries this year under the State Mission Board is 97, who are laboring in different parts of the State. Next our Home field claims our attention, as embracing the Indians and Negroes also the Cubans, among whom marvelous things have been done for God through the power of the Gospel. The third is the Foreign field in which we have from our own State 31 Missionaries, some in China, some in Africa and Mexico, all preaching a pure Gospel, as we believe, and accomplishing great good in the cause of our Master.

W. J. BUMGARNER,
Ch'rm Com.

The Association listened to addresses by Eld. C. Durham and J. A. Spaight.

Collection taken for State Missions amounting to $10.23. Adopted.

On motion it was agreed that the Association try to raise $50 for State Missions, $50 for Foreign Missions, $25 for Home Missions, for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. G. Fox presented letter from Bethlehem church and was seated as delegate.

Report of Committee on

NOMINATIONS.

Time of next Session—Thursday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1891.
Place—Dover Church.
Introductory Sermon—L P. Gwaltney. *Alternate*—J. P. Gwaltney.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—W. J. Bumgarner, W. S. McLeod and W. Laws.
Duties to Poor—J. P. Gwaltney, J. D. Mayberry and A. L. Watts.
Education—J. J. Hendren, H. M. Crouch and A. W. White.
Sunday School—C. C. Pool, G. C. Teague and O. F. Pool.
Temperance—W. E. White, O. F. Pool and C. F. Thompson.
Church and Pastoral Relation—J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, W. P. Ingram.
Periodicals—D. W. Pool, A. M. Bumgarner and A. M. Pennel.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Brushy Mountain—N. J. Walker and W. J. Bumgarner.
Brier Creek—E. B. Hendren and J. D. Mayberry.
South Yadkin—Fred Warren and W. R. Childers.
South Fork—W. E. White and V. W. Teague.
Caldwell—J. C. Bell and R. S. Austin.
State Convention—L. P. Gwaltney, C. C. Pool, T. A. Hudson and E. David.
Southern Baptist Convention—W. E. White. *Alternate*—D W Pool.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BELL,
H. CHRISTOPHER, } COM.
J. W. WATTS,

The report was adopted.

Reports of correspondents who attended sister Associations:

Brushy Mountain—C. C. Pool, L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
Brier Creek—L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
Caldwell—J. C. Bell.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

To the Alexander Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I have labored during the past year at three points, Gwaltney's Graveyard, Carson's Chapel and Cedar Run Academy, under the direction of this and the State Board. I have traveled about 200 miles in going to and from my appointments, preached 30 sermons and made 40 visits. I have received $37.40. C. C. POOL.

Report of Committee on

FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Mission	Home Mission	For'ign Mission	Assoc'n Mission
Antioch	$1 75		$1 40	$1 40	
Bethel	1 75	1 00			
Bethlehem	1 00				
Concord	1 50				
Dover	80		33		
Lebanon	1 10	50		2 00	
Little River	90				
Macedonia	70	65		70	
Mt. Olive	60			1 49	
Pilgrim	50				
Pleasant Hill	85				
Poplar Spring	70				
Sulphur Springs	1 30				
Taylorsville	1 55				1 12
Three Fork	1 45				
Collection for Minutes	6 25				
Total	$18 55	$2 15	$1 73	$7 39	$1 12

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BELL,
B. F. STEELE,
D. W. STEWART.

Adopted.

Eld. C. C. Pool read report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of Sunday schools is no longer a subject of debate; the great question is how shall we enlist all the members of our churches in this important work. Your committee finds Sunday schools reported from all the churches but two; yet we can not give accurate reports of the work done on account of meagre reports from the churches. We would earnestly commend all the brethren to engage more zeal ously in this grand work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. POOL.

Adopted.

Sunday school mass meeting at 9.30 a. m Sabbath.

Eld. L. P. Gwaltney read report on

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

This subject, properly understood and appreciated, underlies all our work as churches, hence is the vital religious problem of this our day and age. The pastor as a watchman against the approaching foe, Ezekiel 3: 17; 33: 2-9. In Heb. 13: 17 he is represented as a shepherd and ruler—not a clerical despot but as a tender shepherd chosen by the flock, ruling according to Christ's will, not his own, and putting no burden upon others that he is unwilling to bear himself. This is the spirit of his work. He is an overseer, Acts 20: 28, and yet a servant, II. Cor. 4: 5; also Christ's direct representative to man, II. Cor. 5: 20. Now to these the Church owes filial obedience, (as under law to Christ), Heb. 13: 17, and love and esteem, I. Thess. 5: 12-13, and more, they owe God's faithful ministers a

support, as shown by the apostle in I. Cor. 9: 4–15, if the orchardist eats his fruit, if a government pays its soldiers, much more are we indebted to those who bring us the gospel of peace. Moreover, the same principle in the law that cared for oxen and maintained the priests demands of us this duty, in view of the worth of souls weighed against the few carnal things any of us possess in this world. This is God's decreed plan for carrying on his work in the world, and happy will it be for all our Churches if we can be aroused to our duty in this important matter.

The duty of the pastor may here be briefly stated: it is of the first importance that his life be pure and eminently spiritual Nothing can take the place of these things and secondly, he must study the word he preaches, depending upon God, the Spirit, for all his success. Lastly, the motive that prompts him to preach while it does involve yet must be above and independent of all mercenary considerations. See I. Cor. 9: 15–19. Here the peculiar danger to the ministry. We must maintain the self-denial of the past and this coupled with the advantages of our day our possibilities cannot be estimated.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend frequent conferences between pastors and deacons that the work on this line this year may be pushed forward to the glory of our common Lord L. P. GWALTNEY, Ch'rm.

Adopted.

On motion it was

Ordered, That the Clerk print the Minutes on the best terms he can and that the surplus, if any, be allowed him as salary.

The Committee on Devotion then made announcements.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by Eld. C. Durham.

L. P. GWALTNEY,
MODERATOR.

T. A. HUDSON,
Clerk.

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SABBATH, 9.30 a. m.

Sunday school meeting conducted by Eld. Shaver.

Speeches by Elds. Shaver, Bumgarner and Oxford and Bro. W. E. White.

11 a. m.

Sermon by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. Text, I. Peter 1: 3–5.

1 p. m.

Sermon by Eld. I. Oxford. Text, I. Cor. 1: 22–25.

Hymn and benediction by Eld I. Oxford.

TREASURERS' FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT:

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 4, 1890.

To the Alexander Baptist Association:

I submit the following statement of the finances of the Association for the past year:

Minute Fund	$15 50	
Paid for Printing Minutes	15 00	$ 50
State Missions	1 32	
Home Missions	2 52	
Foreign Missions	9 77	
Association Missions	12 45	
Paid Bro. Bumgarner	$12 47	
Paid Bro. C. C. Pool	10 26	
Forwarded to Treasurer Baptist State Convention	10 26	
Total		$41 56

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BELL, Treasurer.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, &c.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.									MINISTERS.		Time of Preach'g
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained.	Lic'tiate.	
Antioch	20	.....	2	2	4	6	103	157	260	.....	1	4th
Bethel	....	3	.....	7	4	1	85	133	218	3	.....	4th
Bethlehem	.....	3	.....	1	.....	1	40	23	63	.....	.....	3d
Concord	9	3	.....	.....	2	2	22	45	67	.....	.....	4th
Dover	5	.....	2	4	3	.....	44	76	120	1	.....	3d
Lebanon	.. ...	4	.....	1	8	.....	24	45	69	1	1	4th
Little River	7	.....	2	2	.....	1	52	82	134	.....	.....	1st
Macedonia	10	1	.... .	7	2	4	68	171	239	1	.....	2d
Mt. Olive	5	2	.... .	9	3	3	53	83	136	.....	.....	3d
Pilgrim	5	4	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	136	.....	.....	2d
Pleasant Hill	.....	3	.....	1	1	.....	35	78	113	.....	.....	4th
Poplar Spring	2	.....	.....	.....	3	2	30	50	80	.....	1	2d
Sulphur Spring	14	5	.....	1	. ..	2	53	101	154	.....	.....	2d
Taylorsville	.....	1	.....	4	.....	1	14	20	34	1	.....	1st
Three Fork	13	1	.....	7	3	2	64	99	163	2	.....	3d

PASTORS AND CLERKS. WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	P. O.	CLERK.	P. O.
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Vashti..	W. E. White	Avilla
Bethel	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	J. W. Heudren	Moravian Falls
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	W. G. Fox	Mt. Bethel
Concord	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. M. Martin	Hiddenite
Dover	J. B. Pool	Partee	P. C. Downs	Downsville
Lebanon	J. B. Pool	Partee	A. M. Bumgarner	Swanner
Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti..	W. Laws	Kilby
Macedonia	J. B. Pool	Partee	H. Christopher	Taylorsville
Mt. Olive	J. F. Davis	Vilas	J. W. Pharr	Kilby
Pilgrim	D. W. Pool	Vashti	J. D. Mayberry	Grade
Pleasant Hill	C. C. Pool	Partee	S. J. Harrington.	Vashti..
Poplar Spring	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. F. Robinett	Partee
Sulphur Spring	W. A. Pool	Statesville..	W. P. Ingram	Hiddenite
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	J. M. Oxford	Taylorsville
Three Fork	D. W. Pool	Vashti..	J. M. Jones	Taylorsville

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	No. Scholars.	Officers & Teachers.	Total.	Average Att'd'nce.	Contributions.
Antioch	J. P. White	Avilla					
Bethel	J. W. Hendren	Vashti					
Bethlehem	V. W. Teague	Bentley	60	10	70	30	
Concord	T. A. Hudson	Elk Shoal	45	6	51	35	
Dover	W. D. Mooney	Avilla	30	3	33		
Lebanon	A. A. Bumgarner	Swanner	74	8	82	48	
Mt. Olive	J. P. Russell	Kilby	56	3	59	25	4 99
Pleasant Hill	E. L. Childers	Vashti	53	7	60	29	
Sulphur Spring	R. L. Davis	Hiddenite	50	5	55		3 30
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville	71	7	78	40	18 12
Three Fork	E. C. McAlpine	Taylorsville					

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor Salary	Church Exp'es	State Mis.	Home Mis.	Fo'gn Mis.	Orph'age.	Other Objects	Min'te Fund.	Total.
Antioch	$40 85	$24 20	$6 02					$1 75	
Bethel			6 00		6 00			1 75	
Bethlehem	30 00	10 00							
Concord	30 00	25 00	2 50		2 50	3 85			65 30
Dover							22 95	80	23 75
Lebanon	30 00	40 00	1 85		3 40	6 70		1 00	82 95
Little River	25 00				1 40		5 15	90	33 45
Macedonia			2 50		2 55		13 55	70	19 25
Mt. Olive								60	60
Pilgrim				7 60				50	8 10
Pleasant Hill	29 35	28 40						85	58 60
Poplar Spring	13 40				1 80			70	15 90
Sulphur Spring	100 00	25 00	2 75	3 00	2 00	12 00		1 30	145 05
Taylorsville					5 00			1 10	6 10
Three Fork			4 07		4 07	6 29		1 30	

HISTORY OF CONCORD CHURCH.

I find that Concord Church was organized in the year 1852, Nov. 26, by a Presbytery composed of Rev. R. L. Steele, J. B. Green and I. Oxford, with 14 members: John Pritchard, Deacon, Wm. Davis, Deacon, Miles A. Falkner, Cyrus Drum, Joel Warren, Joseph F. Falkner and Edward Turner as Clerk, and Sisters Sarah Pritchard, Nancy E. Drum, Nancy Falkner, Jane C. Falkner, Martha M. Falkner, Sarah Davis and Nancy Warren. The church called Eld. John W. Jones as its first pastor, who served to Aug., 1853. Then R. L. Steele was pastor to April, 1862. Then Isaac Oxford to Sept., 1866. Then J. Crouch to Oct., 1870. Then J. Kerley, time not known. Then C. C. Pool. Then W. A. Pool in 1871. Then I find that preaching has been kept up at times to 1883 by C. C. Pool, W. A. Pool and J. Kerley; I cannot, from the record, get the exact dates. Then in 1883 Bro. W. J. Bumgarner became supply, who has served to the present, Oct. 3, 1890. Bro. E. Turner served as clerk to May 3, 1856. Then Jas. F. Falkner as clerk to Jan., 1866. Then D. W. A. Levan as clerk to Jan., 1872. Then Jas. J. Pool to July, 1873. Then the records do not show who was clerk to Nov., 1878. Then A. V. Turner clerk to Nov., 1887. Then J. M. Martin to the present, Oct., 1890. I find from the church record in May, 1861, that the church had 17 male and 43 female members. I find in October, 1865, the membership had fallen off to 44. I find the church membership in October, 1890, to be 22 males and 45 females. The church is located in Miller's township, Alexander county, N. C., on the Island Ford road, 7 miles south-east of Taylorsville, in a healthy and prosperous community, with some devoted brethren and sisters now as members. May the Lord prosper his work.

(Signed) J. B. POOL,
Ass'l Historian.

MEMOIR OF ELISHA C. OXFORD.

The subject of this memoir was a son of James and Hannah Oxford, born January 1st, 1816, in the county of Burke, now Caldwell. He was a moral, industrious youth of sound mind and great apprehension. While a single man he took a trip to the West and contracted, through chills and fever, the germs which he never entirely overcame. He took to wife Eveline Bradburn and had by her four children, of whom but one survives him. In his second marriage he took Sarah Blair, by whom he had three children whom, with their widowed mother, he left on the old homestead.

In the year 1847, in the month of October, he and his wife, Eveline, joined the Baptist church at Union and in 1854 took letters and went into the constitution of Centre church, which house was afterwards destroyed by fire and the church mutually dissolved and he joined at Antioch, where his membership was until he left to join the Church Triumphant. He was captain of the Home Guard in the late war and had the confidence and respect of all his men in more than ordinary in such cases, contending with higher officers that his privates were his equals.

He was an orderly, faithful member, died in the triumphs of a living faith and has left good grounds for hope that he has entered into that rest prepared for the people of God.

MEMOIR OF ISAAC AVERY OXFORD.

Isaac Avery Oxford, son of William C. and Martha Ann Oxford, was born July 14th, 1859, in the county of Caldwell. He was a moral youth, temperate in his ways, a total abstainer from ardent spirits, bad company and bad books. He took heed to his ways and remembered his Creator in the days of his youth. He professed religion and joined the Baptist church at Antioch in the fall of 1882, and was a steady and consistent member up to his death. Some six months before his death he found that something

was undermining his health. He consulted with several physicians but to no effect. He bore with Christian fortitude what a gracious God had decreed, and in the vigor of youthful manhood left the walks of men to join the sanctified above. His last words as they carried him from his room to another were: "Open the gates and let us in." He departed this life May 7th, 1890, being 30 years, 9 months and 23 days old. Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way, by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.

For want of dates, &c., I cannot give the lives and good works of other servants of the Lord who have left the walks of life and are gone on before: Bro. J. D. Martin, of Concord church, A. E. Brown, I. A. Oxford and A. M. Sigman, of Antioch, Bro. Burton Reid, of Poplar Spring, and Eld. J. R. Teague—these brethren have all died in the Lord's cause. May the Lord bless their labors. There are perhaps others whom we should mention but I have no statistics and I wish to state that if the brethren wish me to write memoirs for their brethren they should notice it in their church and send me the report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POOL,

Historian.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastors' Salary	Churdh Expence	State Missions	Associati'l Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Total
Antioch		$7			$3.15		$1.25	$11.35
Bethel	$75			$4½	12.86	$2.30	1.62	96.28
Bethlehem	20				5.29		.60	25.89
Concord	25				1.30		.50	36.70
Dover							.80	.80
Linney's Grove	Ne	wly	orga	nize	d.		.15	
Lebanon					20.00	4.00	1.09	25.09
Little River	20	22					.32	44.32
Macedonia					2.41	1.55	1.00	4.96
Mount Olive							.45	.45
Pilgrim					2.20		.70	2.90
Pleasant Hill					.45		1.00	1.45
Sulphur Springs	30				6.00	10.00	1.00	47.00
Taylorsville					20.00		1.00	
Three Fork	150	5	$5		5.00	2.00	1.00	218.02
Total.	320	44	5	4½	78.66	19.85	12.48	490.89

lorsville gave for Education $14.20, Home mis. $5.

Churches.	Pastors.	P.O.	Clerks.	P.O.
Antioch	J.M.Shaver,	Dealsville.	R.S.Austin,	Dealsville.
Bethel	D.W.Pool,	Vashti.	J.E.Gilreath,	Vashti.
Bethlehem	J.M.Shaver,	Dealsville.	V.W.Teague,	Burttey
Concord	C.C.Pool,	Partee.	W.D.Gryder,	Thurston.
Dover	J.A.Downs,	Mt.Bethel.	P.C.Downs,	Downsvil
Linney's Grove	J.P.Gwaltney,	York Institute.	J.J.Hendren	Va
Lebanon	W.J.Bumgarner,	Swanner.	A.M.Bumg'er	Swanne
Little River	W.J.Bumgarner,	Swanner.	J.W.Dea',	Swanner.
Macedonia	J.A.White,	Taylorsville.	H.Christopher,	Thurston
Mount Olive	W.J.Bumgarner,	Swanner.	J.W.Pharr,	Taylorsvil
Pilgrim	D.W.Pool,	Vashti.	J.D.Mayberry,	Grade.
Pleasant Hill	W.J.Bumgarner,	Swanner.	S.J.Harrington,	Vashti
Sulphur Springs	L.P.Gwaltney,	Vashti.	W.J.Davis,	Hidnite.
Taylorsville	J.A.White,	Taylorsville.	E.C.Sloan,	Taylorsville
Three Fork	L.P.Gwaltney,	Vashti.	J.M.Jones,	Taylorsville.

Churches.	Baptised	By Let'r	Restored	Dismi'd	Exclu'd	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordained	Licen'ts	Time
Antioch	4	2	1	8	2	2	103	160	263	1	2	4
Bethel	4	1		7	5		81	140	221	1		4
Bethlehem	8	2		2	3	1	55	93	148	1	1	3
Concord	5	1		1			49	75	124			1
Dover		1	1	7			52	74	126			3
Linney's Grove							13	20	33	1		3
Lebanon							56	67	123	1		4
Little River	9	2		1			55	87	142			2
Macedonia	1	2			1	3	65	140	205	1		4
Mount Olive	9		4	1			45	81	126			4
Pilgrim	5	1		19	3				138	1		3
Pleasant Hill		1				1	41	86	127			2
Sulphur Springs	15		1		4		58	93	152	1	1	3
Three Fork	9	1		2			69	99	168	1		1
Taylorsville	10	2			1		26	34	60	1		1
Total	79	16	7	52	25	7	668	249	2156	10	4	

life June 1895 in the 85th, year of her age. She united with the Lutherans in early life, but was convineed of her error and united with Bethlehem Baptist church after she was 80 years old. She seemed much devoted and lived a consistent member to the time of her death and died in the triumph of faith.

JAMES F. MUNDAY was borne in the year of our Lord Dec. 25 1810. Seperated this life Feb. 22, 1895 leaving his second wife, a daughter, two sons and a number of grand-children to mourn his loss. He was a son of Wm. and Polly Munday whose ashes now lie in a grave-yard 2½ miles South West of Pleasant Grove church. He united with the Baptist church at Antioch in early life and died in the triumph of faith. Peace be to his memory till Christ shall come to give reward to his servants.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

Was organized Jan. 31, 1852 by a presbytery consisting of Rev. John G. Brian, Jacob Crouch and Wm. Pool. Wm. Pool was made pastor and John T. Baker clerk. In 1854 trouble arose in the church about a resolution passed in the Lewis' Fork Association concerning the organization of the Sons of Temterance. The church passed a rule forbidding services by any preacher who was a member of a secret society which was in effect afterward rescided. The church then entered upon a career of prosperity which lasts till yet. Pleasant Hill church is pleasantly situated on a ridge 1185 feet above sea level and about 300 feet above the adjacent country, and consequently the top of the ridge is what is known to scientists as the "thermal zone" or above what is usually termed the frost line. The church building is a neat well painted house located in a beautiful grove of original forest growth. It is better known locally as Black Oak Ridge than by its true name, though the dominant forest growth on the ridge is Chestnut oak.

SKETCH OF SESSION.

The deliberations of the body were entirely harmonions fulfilling beautifully the enjunctions of Holy Writ: "Behold how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity." The discussions of the various subjects oonsidered by the body were intiligent and instructive and marked by a deep and earnest piety and christian humility which so effectually eliminates all shams, and squelches the self-important brother who wishes to exhibit his person and powers. Visitors were kindly and hospitably cared for by the brethren and friends of the church and vacinity, and the best of order prevailed throughout the entire audience and during the whole session.

W.E. White, Historian.

Eld. D.W.Pool attended Brier Creek Association, and Eld. J .A. White the State Convention. Treasurer's report adopted:

Ninth annual treasurer's report: Received from finance committee $55.45, received of J.B.Pool $17.52, received from Bethlehem church $1.11, received from Bethel church $5.71, total 80.09. Paid T. A. Hudson for minutes $11.81, paid to J.B.Bostic $50.63, paid to J.D. Booshall for State Missions 5.60 for Home Missions 5.65, total 73.69 To balance on hand $8.70

H. Christopher, Treasurer.

Sunday, Oct. 6th, 1895.

9:30 A.M. Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. J. W. Shell; discussions on Sunday Schools by J.J.Beach, J.M.Shaver. 11 A. M. sermon by Elds. J.A.White and L.P.Gwaltney. Text: John v: 5. In the closing remarks Eld. J.M.Shaver called for penitents when 7 or 8 asked the prayers of the brethren. Adjourned. Prayer by L P Gwaltney

T.A.Hudson, Clerk. J.J.Hendren, Moderator.

IN MEMORIAM.

LITTON MILLSAPS Died Feb. 13, 1895, aged about 83 years. Had been a member of Pilgrim church from boyhood and many years a deacon. He first married Margaret Queen and of this marriage were five children all of whom are dead. Abont 1863 was married to Caroline Gwaltney who survives him. "So the ripe fruit falls richly to the ground."

OBED JOSIAH INGRAM was borne May 28, 1867; joined Macedonia church Oct. 8, 1886; died Oct. 24, 1894. A young brother of excellent character and deep piety; nearly always at the Saturday meetings of his church. He had a splendid physical constitution but the malignant fever scathed his manly form and he fell.

SIDNEY COLUMBUS JOHNSON was borne Oct. 4th, 1872; joined Three Fork church at the age of 14 and lived an exemplary christain life and maintained a spotless character. He was a victem of that dread scourge of the human race—consumption. In 1894 he sought relief in the sunny clime of Florida and obtained it partially, but his strength was too far spent and on June 3, 1895 he exchanged this world of sickness and sorrow for the realms of bliss.

JAMES ABRAM WATSON died suddenly at his home on the 7th day of May 1895 aged about 75 years; his exact age not known. Had been a member of Antioch church many years. He was esteemed and loved by his brethren and faithful and just in the discharge of the duties of life.

LEAH LAEL the oldest member of Bethlehem church departed this

South Yadkin, C.C.Pool, W.J.Bumgarner, J.C.Bell.
South Fork, J.M.Shaver, J.A.Downs, C.C.Pool.
Caldwell, J.B.Pool, E.C.Sloan, J.C.Bell.
State Convention, L.P.Gwaltney, W.E.White, J.A.White.
Southern Baptist Convention, D.W.Pool, J.M.Shaver.

E.B.Hendren,
J.L.Davis,
J.W.Milstead,
} Committee.

Report of committee on Digest of Church Letters adopted:

There are in this Association 16 churches all represented by delegates and letters except two. Baptised during past year 70, received by letter 13, restored 6, dismissed by letter 51, excluded 25, died 7, No. members 2013, church expenses 22 dollars, pastr's salaries $300, associational missions $4.59, state missions $5, home missions $5, gospel missions $73.86, minute fund $12.16, ministerial education $14.20, orphanage $37.85, bible society $6.46. Total, all objects, $481.03.

R.L.Davis for Com.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted:

Received from the churches in cash for the various objects, viz:

Churches.	Minute Fund.	Home Mis'n.	State Mis'n.	Gos'l Mis'n	A.M.	Orphanage
Antioch	1.25			3.15		
Bethel	1.62			7.15	4½	
Bethlebem	.60			1.60		
Concord	.50			1.30		
Lebanon	1.09			20.00		$4
Little River						
Macedonia	1.00			2,41		
Mount Olive	.45					
Pilgrim	.70			2.20		
Pleasant Hill	1.00			.45		
Sulphur Springs	1.00			6.00		
Taylorsville	1.00	5.00	5.00	20.00		
Three Fork	1.15					
Dover	.80					
Total.	12.60	5.00	5.00	64.26	4½	4

Collection for Orphanage, 8.40

Associational Missions, Sunday, 7.76

Total for all objects, 111.08

J.J.Williams, Wm.W.Teague, Com.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools:

We note with pleasure the interest taken in Sunday school work. We think that with few exceptions our churches have engaged heartily in the Sunday school work this year. The sphere is one in which old and young can, and should work in this department of Christian labor. The seed of truth may be sown which will ripen in great good to the churchss and individuals. We have regular Sunday schools and fifth Sunday Meetings. We reccommend lesson helps with churches to supply literature for small children.

E. L. Childers.

Committee on Churches and Pastorial relations report. Addresses by Elds. J.M.Shaver and L.P.Gwaltney. Adopted.

We your committee on Church and Pastorial relations would submit the following: 1st, That the pastor owes the greater part of his time and labor to the church or churches he may serve. 2d, That the churches owe to their pastor a reasonable support. Acts 20:28, 1 Tim. 4: 13--19, 1 Cor. 9:100.

J.M.Shaver, W.S.McLeod, } Com.

Report on Periodicals adopted:

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully submit:- Religions Journals, being an important educational factor, we recommend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, and Foreign Mission Journal as worthy of your patronage. Also Charity and Children printed at Thomasville, N.C. dovoted to the Baptist Orphanage.

W.J.Bumgarner, J.M.Fortner, J.E.Chatham, } Com.

Report on Nominations adopted;

Time of next Association: Thursday before the first Lord's day in Oct., 1896, at 11 A. M. Place: Pilgrim. Introductory sermon by R.L.Davis, alternate, D.W.Pool.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions, D.W.Pool, Auther White and W.J.Davis.
Duties to the Poor, J.M.Shaver, William Barnes, J.E.Gilreath.
Education, J.A.White, W.E.White, and R.L.Davis.
Sunday Schools, L.P.Gwaltney, C.C.Pool, and W-S.McLeod.
Temperance, W.J.Bumgarner, Wm. Teague, E.L.Childers.
Churches & Pas. relations, J.P.Gwaltney, Auther watts, J.L.Gwaltney
Pereodicals, J.B.Pool, J.A.Downs, W.R.Childers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brushy Mountain, D.W.Pool, L.P.Gwaltney, J.J.Hendren.
Brier Creek, L.P.Gwaltney, J.M.Shaver, R.L.Davis.

importance. The highest bodily development is that which cares for each and every part in its proper proportions. If a single organ is neglected the whole body suffers. Going one step higher we consider it a supreme folley to care for the body and neglect the mind; to train that which is animal and neglect that which is intellectual, but the supremest folly is to permit your son or daughter on account of the cost of an education to grow up in ignorance. There is something worth more than money: young men and young women with Christain educations. We commend an educated ministry and the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest College, the Woman's College or University at Raleigh to open next September, and the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute as worthy of your patronage and support.

Respectfully,
J.A.White, for. Com.

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. J.P.Gwaltney. Beediction by C. Durham.

October 5 1895.

9:30 Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. J.M.Shaver. Visiting brethren invited J.W.West of Caldwell Association and J. T. Moore of Taylorsville High School accepted seats. Committee on Temperance reports. Addresses on same by Elds. L.P.Gwaltney, V.W.Teague, J.J.Beach, R.L.Davis, W.E.White, J.A.White. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a Christian grace and one of the fruits of the spirit and should be cultivated in the hearts of all Christians. Intemperance is a monster evil carrying death and ruin in its train to its thousands annually. It has invaded the sanctity of the church also till there is perhaps to-day no evil of such magnitude with which the churches have to contend. The all important question then is, how shall this evil be arrested? This is not in our province to say. But we would suggest that all members of the church abstain from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage and that no one engage in the manufacture or sale of ardent spirits. We futher suggest that faithful preaching be done and that the churches use strict but judicious discipline along this line and that every scriptural means in their power be used to arrest the progress of this mighty evil.

L.P.Gwaltney,
V.W.Teague.

11 A.M. Sermon by Eld. W.J.Hopkins, Text: God's disposition of the believers sins. 1 P.M. Association reassembled. Visiting brethren J.W.Shell from Caldwell Association accepted seat. Committee on Sunday schools report. Motion to pospone discussion untill Sunday morning after prayer meeting.

the modern apparatments as complete as any. One of the greatest universities in the United States to-day is Chicago University, which is controlled by Baptists. The largest school of Theology in the U.S. is the Baptist Theological Seminary located at Louisville, Ky. We are honest in the belief that considering the comparitively short space of time in which we have had our religious liberty--the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, openly, for Baptists have ever worshiped conscientiously, though often driven into the dens and caves of the earth to do so, they stand to-day the peer of any denomination in the work of enlightenment of the people —scientifically and religiously, and this, the *once so called* "poor and ignorant Baptists." Truly, God has wonderously blessed us as a denomination.

Let this fact inspire us with increased zeal and energy in extending the cause of education. We have in Wake Forest College one of the best schools in the state (the University not excepted). Wake Forest is not an individual but a Baptist denominational institution. Its object is not to make money but to offer its patrons the very best possible educational advantages at the lowest cost attainable for such advantages. Should any profit arise from enlarged attendance it would be promptly applied to the improvement or enlargement of the institution. It is thus manifest that Baptists are under peculiar obligations to patronize and help promote the interest of Wake Forest College. It is their own school. The advantages it offers are what they provide for themselves, their patronage will benefit the patrons themselves, and all profits, if any, will go to their denominational work. Wake Forest has just entered upon the most prosperous session in her history, having enrolled 235 students of whom 60 are young men who God has called into the ministry.

Located at Taylorsville is your own Associational school "The United Baptist Institute," known now as Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, of which the grounds and improvements are your own and you have placed the same by an act of the legislature in the hands of 15 trustees to have and hold in trust for you and to employ such teachers as will insure to your children a school of high grade. The fourth session of this school opened with very flattering prospects for the largest enrollment under present management. We recommend Murfreesboro female and Oxford.

Since we have these schools at our very doors, your committee asks why Baptists, by their patronage, will notmake possible yet greater and grander results? There can be no doubt that the religious influence our young men and women at these institutions are of permanent

Last year this Board had 425 Missionaries who preached at 3,484 churches and stations. They baptised 5,921, constituted 178 churches, and built 52 houses of worship. The churches gave for this work $88,640.20.

Foreign Missions:— The Foreign Mission Board is located in Richmond, Va. We have in Mexico 20 Missionaries, and 19 Native helpers, 14 stations, 32 churches, 1,120 members, 226 baptisms, 3 Sunday schools with 629 scholars. These churches gave last year for all objects $1,817.38.

In Africa, 7 Missionaries, 6 native helpers, 4 churches, 239 members, 67 baptisms, 3 Sunday schools, 140scholars,and they give $214.45

In Japan, 6 Missionaries, 5 native helpers, 8 stations, 1 church, with 40 members, 9 baptisms, 1 Sunday school & 166 scholars. They give $20.74.

In Italy, 3 Missionaries, 28 native helpers, 46 stations, 18 churches, 353 members, 28 baptisms. These gave $356.25.

In Brazil, 14 Missionaries, 6 native helpers, 23 stations, 14 churches, 610 members. 133 baptisms. These gave $2,038.50.

In China, 41 Missionaries, 25 native helpers, 50 stations, 16 churches, 1,131 members, 118 baptisms. These gave $2,010.40. Then in addition to the above, there are 14 Missionaries in China working under what is known as the independent or Gospel plan. The field is the world. We should all do what we can to aid this effort to obey our Lord's last command to give the gospel to every creature.

Committee on Education reports. Addresses on same by Elds. J.A. White, C.Durham and W.E.White. Adopted.

EDUCATION.

"If we take asurvey of mankind in ancient or modern times as regards the intellectual force of nations, we find nothing to compare with the U.S. in this pressnt year of 1895." It is Michael G. Mulhall, F.S.S., writing in the North American Review, who makes this statement. Mr. Mulhall has for many years been recognized as an able statistician, and has made a special study of the strength and resourses of nations. The facts and figures he presents in support of this assertion have, therefore, a special value:--

"The census of 1890 showed that 87 per cent. of population over ten years of age could read and write. It may be fearlessly asserted that in the history of the human race no nation ever before possessed forty one millions instructed citizens. The annual school expenditure in the United States is $156,000.000, or $2.40 per inhabitant, against 48,000,000 or $1.30 in Great Britan, $31,000,000, or 80 cts. in France." Your committee feel proud to say that Baptists are taking a position in the fore front in this matter of education. Over 3,750,000 members have planted all over these U.S. institutions of learning in which the professors are as learned, the curriculun as high, and

Report of Committee on Missions:

When we remember that God so loved the world that he gave his own son as a sacrafice, that we the guilty sinners might be saved. and that we must go, or send the blessed news of free pardon to others, or they will be lost, it should stir us from our lethargy, and either make active missionaries out of us, or make us more liberal in our support of those who are willing to go. Brethren, the Lord has blessed you with *bountiful* crops; will you withhold from him his *just* portion, or will you as a child of a loving father give as the Lord has prospered you, for the liberation of your brother from that prison of darkness and death, which would have been your portion had not some one made a sacrifice of time and money for your freedom? Awake! brethren, the world is dying around you; Yea, and in despair crying come and help us! Let us not only pray that God may send forth more laborers into the harvest, but also that we may have more liberal hearts to support those whom he may send. Therefore we would earnestly request that each church of this Association take quarterly collections for the aid of those godly men who have gone out from us, and for others who are even now waiting for our help to enable them to carry the glad tidings to the regions beyond, under what is known as the Gospel Mission. But let us not forget to contribute to the aid of those who are laboring to set up the standard of truth in the destitute sections of our own land. Resp'y submitted.

R.L. Davis, J.W. Bowls, Com.

The following report submitted by Rev. C. Durham is appended by concent as a matter of information to the preceeding report.

State Missions:— State Missions includes all practical efforts to give the gospel to the destitute places in the state, and to develope self-sustaining churches in reasonable reach of every person in the State. This year there are 92 Baptist preachers under appointment of the Board. These preach in about 100 destitute towns and vilages, and at about 300 country neighborhoods. Thirty new churches have been organized, twenty seven houses of worship built, and about thirty other houses of worship are now being built. The effort of the Convention is to secure this year for this work $15,000. A little over one third of this amount has been sent to the treasurer at Raleigh. It is confidentially believed that the whole amount will be given before the Convention meets in next Dec. This work underlies all of our denominational prosperity and every church in the State ought to regard it a privaledge to aid it.

Home Missions:— This is the work committed by the Southern Baptist Convention to the Home Mission Board at Atlanta Ga. It is Mission work among (1) the native white people in the South, (2) the foreign population in the South. (3) the Negroes, (4) the new and rapid growing cities in the South West, (5) the Indians, and (6) Cuba.

Association opened door for new churches. Linney's Grove presented herself for membership and was unanimously accepted with following delegates, J.J.Hendren, Eli Hendren, J.T.Hendren. On permanant organization, Elders W.J.Hopkins and I. Holler was appointed tellers, and the following were chosen: J.J.Hendren, Moderator, T.A.Hudson, Clerk, H.Christopher. Treasurer, W.E.White. Historian.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises, W.J.Bumgarner, E.L.Childers, G.C.Meadows.
Nominations, E.B.Hendren, J.W.Milstead, J.L.Davis.
Digest Church Letters, R.L.Davis, J.W.Pharr, V.W.Teague.
Finance, W.W.Teague, J.Y.Williams, E.C.Sloan.

Eld. W.J.Bumgarner read constitution and by-laws. Order of business, Prayer Meeting 9:30 A.M., Preaching 11 A.M., Business Meeting 1 P.M., and adjourn at will. Correspondents invited. Eld. C.Durham. Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention, I.Holler of Brier Creek Association, and J.J.Beach of Caldwell Association, accepted seats. Committee on Devotional Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. I.Holler.

October 4th, 1895.

9:30 A.M. Prayer Meeting conducted by Eld. J. J. Beach. Correspondents invited and Elds. A. Johnson of Thomasville Orphanage. W.J.Hopkins of South Yadkin Association and Bro. I. M. Crouch of Brushy Mountain Association, accepted seats. Committee on Duties to the Poor reported. Addresses on same by Elds. J. P. Gwaleney, A.Johnson, C.Durham, & C.C.Pool. Adopted.

Report on Duties to the Poor:

Among the first duties which God imposed on the churches of Christ was the care of the indigent poor. In the first Christian church it became necessary to appoint 7 men for the sole purpose of distributing the means placed in their treasury, by their members, to the poor among or about them. Acts 6: 1--6. Since then there has been no time when this opertunity and privaledge was not before the churches, calling for their sympathies, prayers and contributions. Mark 14:7 And this assistance was not only to the needy Christians and their families, but to the poor as a class. Gal. 2:10. Of this class there are some 1000 or 1200 orphans in our state. Of this number there are about 125 in our Orphanage at Thomasville, *all* equally calling unto us for the necessaries of life. Therefore we would suggest that in every church some active person be appointed to collect funds to meet these demands which our God has made binding upon us.

J.P.Gwaltney,
J.W.Pharr,
J.W.Watts, } Com.

Committee on Missions reported. Addresses on same by Elds. *C.* Durham, D.W.Pool, W.G.Hopkins and *C. C.* Pool. Adopted. Sermon by Eld. *C.* Durham. Text: Luke xxiv:47., 1 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st, Introductory Sermon.
2 Read C.L. & Enrolled Delegates.
3 Organization.
4 Appoint Committees.
5 Call on Delinquent Churches.
6 Receive New Churches.
7 Invite Visiting Brethren.
8 Read Constitution and Rules.
9 Report of Standing Committees.
10 Report of Other Committees.
11 Report of Mesengers.
12 Quaries and Requests.
13 Clerk's Fees.
14 Miscellaneous.

Report of Committee on U.B. Institute.

The committee appointed last session to memorialize the Legislature for a charter for the United Baptist Institute have attended to that duty and succeeded in obtaining said Charter. A copy of which is submitted herewith.

J. L. Gwaltney,
W. J. Davis,
J. W. Watts.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3rd, 1895.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. C. Durham, Text: John 1: xiv. Intermission 45 minutes. At 2 P. M. the Association assembled & Eld. C.C.Pool was appointed Moderator pro tem. Prayer by Eld J.P.Gwaltney, and Moderator called for church letters and the following churches brought their letters and deligates enrolled, viz:

Antioch, W.F.Monday, R.S.Austin, J.D.Caldwell
Bethel, E.B.Hendren, J.E.Gilreath, J.Y.Williams.
Bethlahem, Pinkney Morrison, M.A.Teague, V.W.Teague.
Concord, T.A.Hudson, A.L.Pierce.
Dover, P.C.Downs, W.M.Chapman, M.S.Pennell.
Lebanon, J.M.Fortner, A.T.Sweet, G.Z.Bumgarner.
Little River,
Mt. Olive, Isaac Russell, B.L.Kerley, J.W.Pharr.
Macedonia, C.M.Frucannan, T.C.Ingram, J.G.Stikeleather.
Pilgrim, J.C.Millsaps, F.Mayberry, Joseph Millsaps,
Pleasant Hill, S.J.Harington, J.M.Childers, S.W.Harington.
Sulphur Springs, J.L.Davis, W.M.Lacky, Pool Blankenship.
Three Fork. J.W.Milstead, A.L.Johnson, J.M.Jones.
Taylorsville, E.C.Sloan, Harvey Meadows.

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Dover Baptist Church, Alexander County, N. C.

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W. E. WHITE, Moderator,.....Avilla, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, Clerk.....Elk Shoal, N. C.

Next Session to be held with Taylorsville Church, Alexander Co. Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, 1892.

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PROCEEDINGS.

DOVER CHURCH, THURSDAY, Oct., 1st, 1891.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. P. Gwaltney. Text, Judges vii: 20.

The Association was called to order by L. P. Gwaltney, Moderator,. Prayer by Elder S. S. Goforth.

Elders W. A. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner read the letters and the following delegates were enrolled:

ANTIOCH.—J. F. Moore W. E. White, R. S. Austin.
BETHEL—E. B. Hendren, J. E. Gilreath.
CONCORD—J. *M.* Martin, T. A. Hudson.
DOVER—Jonas White, M. Pennel, M. S. Pennel.
LEBANON—A. M. Bumgarner, J. M. Watts, Amon Bumgarner.
MACEDONIA—H. Christopher,, D. C. Childers, J. Y. Crouch.
MT. OLIVE—J. J. Lowe, W. L. Kerley J. W. Pharr.
LITTLE RIVER—Wm. Brown, Hiram Pearson, J. T. Brown.
PILGRIM—R. Carson, C. L. Millsaps.
PLEASANT HILL—E. L.Childers, J. M. Childers.
SULPHTR SPRINGS—J. R. Gwaltney, J. F. Adams.
TAYLORSVILLE—Thomas Watts, W. C. Pope.
THREE FORK—J. W. Milstead, B. M Harrington, W. S. McLeod
POPLAR SPRING.—J. F. Robinette, J. F. Walker,. J. C. Chapman.

On permanent organization, the following were, on motion, elected by acclamation: Moderator, W. E. White; Clerk, T. A. Hudson; Treasurer, J. C. Bell; Historian. J. B. Pool.

The following correspondent and visiting brethren accepted seats with the Association: Elder W. F. Knight, Three Fork Association; Elder S. S. Goforth and Bro. J. A. Goforth, Brier Creek; Elder W. A. Pool, South Yadkin; Elder S. D. Barnes and Bro. R. H. Holsclaw, Caldwell; Elder J, F. Eller, Blue Ridge.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

RXELIGIOUS EERCISES—J. F. Eller, Jonas White, M Pennel.
NOMINATIONS—J, F. Moore, J. W: Pharr, H. Christopher.
DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS—W. S. McLeod, A. M. Bumgarner, C. L. Millsaps.
FINANCE—E. B. Hendren, E. L. Childers, R. S. Austin.

Committee on Religious Exercises then made announcements.

Elder L. P. Gwaltney read Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion of L. P. Gwaltney the Report of the Committee on Missions was made the special order for to-morrow, 10 a. m.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

10 a. m.—Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The following brethren accepted seats with the Association: Elders J. S. Gwaltney and Isaac Oxford, Caldwell Association.

Elder L. P. Gwaltney read report on

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

No duty perhaps is enjoined so strictly upon christians as their duty to the needy poor. We urge upon our people the importance of looking carefully into the array of scriptures that urge this duty. The performance of this duty insures us strength in trouble, gives us length of life and strength in death. It is putting money in God's bank. Christ in his gospel especially came to these and certainly we can give no better evidence of christianity than by caring for the widows and orphans among us. Along this line we earnestly recommend our work at Thomasville Orphanage as calling for our prayers and liberal contributions. L. P. GWALTNEY, Chairman.

On motion, the consideration of the report was made special order at 1 p. m.

A. W. White read report on

EDUCATION.

There is now a necessity for the educated in every department in life. While some are awake to the interests of the day, in trying to educate and properly train the mind for the different stations of life, the majority are quite indifferent and careless to the needs and wants of their own families in this respect.

Education consists in something more than book knowledge. The educated man is he who is well developed in head and heart. He is the man who has learned to think—thinks, and is able to tell others what he has learned, so they will understand him and begin to think themselves. We especially recommend that our young men do all in their power to secure a good, practical education, that they may be prepared for the different pursuits

in life. We urge upon all to use their influence to train the young and rising generation in the way they should go, that they may be a blessing, and help mankind in their day and generation.

J. W. WHITE,
J. M. SHAVER.

The discussion of this report was made special order at 10 a. m., to-morrow. The special order of this hour was taken up and W. J. Bumgarner read report on

MISSIONS.

The subject of missions is divided under three heads—State, Home and Foreign. State Missions embrace the destitution around us and through the State of North Carolina: Home Missions embrace that of the Southern States, Mexico and Cuba; also the colored people of the South and the American Indians. Foreign Missions, the work of giving the gospel to all foreign lands. There is much destitution in many sections of our own State. In the "Home" field it is much greater and in the Foreign field it is hardly possible to estimate the magnitude.

Much has been done, and is being done, by the Lord's people in foreign fields, but not one-tilth of what remains to be done. They tell us that in China not one, as yet, in 10,000, has ever heard of Jesus Christ. Brethren, the command of the Lord is upon us. How is this work to be accomplished? Answer, by faithful ministers of Christ going forth trusting in the promises of their Redeemer and by regular and liberal contributions of all the churches. We would commend to the churches of this Association our worthy brother, Rev. G. W. Greene, who is now on his way to Canton China, to preach the gospel to those that have it not. We would recommend and urge that all our churches take regular and monthly contributions to these and all other objects which demand our attention. Respecfully,

W. J. BUMGARNER.

Amount paid by the Treasurer of Union to Missionaries, $7.50.

Addresses by W. J. Bumgarner, W. A, Pool, Isaac Oxford, W. F. Knight, J. S. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and L. P. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted.

Upon consideration of a proposition received from the Caldwell Association on the mission work, as relates to the salary of Elder G. W. Greene, our Missionary to China, it was agreed that this Association pay one hundred dollars of said salary.

Bro. V. W. Teague presented letter from Bethlehem church and was seated as delegate.

1:30 p. m.—Bro. J. W. West, Elder J. H. West, Bro. Thomas Knight, of Caldwell Association, accepted seats with us.

The discussion of the report of committee on "Duties to the Poor," being the special order of the hour, was taken up and after addresses by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney, J. B. Pool, W. F. Knight C. C. Pool and J. S. Gwaltney, was adopted.

Collection for the Orphanage at Thomasville, $5.63.

The following brethren were appointed to solicit contributions from each church for the Orphanage:

Antioch, J. F Moore; Bethel, E. B. Hendren; Bethlehem, W. W. Teague; Concord, T. A. Hudson; Lebanon, A. M. Bumgarner Little River, N. J. Walker; Macedonia, H. Christopher; Mt Olive, W. L. Kerley; Pilgrim, C. L. Millsaps; Pleasant Hill, S. J. Harrington; Poplar Spring, J. C. Chapmon; Sulphur Spring, W. P. Ingram; Taylorsville, E. C. Sloan; Three Fork, J. W. Millstead; Dover, P. C. Downs.

Forwarding Committee, Thomas Watts, J. B. Pool, E. C. Sloan. Contributions to be ready by Nov. 30th, 1891.

L. P. Gwaltney read report on

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

This subject, properly understood and appreciated, underlies all our work as churches, hence is the vital religious problem of this our day and age. The pastor as a watchman against the approaching foe, Ezekiel 3: 17; 33: 2-9. In Heb. 13: 17 he is represented as a shepherd and ruler—not a clerical despot, but as a tender shepherd chosen by the flock, ruling according to Christ's will, not his own, and putting no burden upon others that he is unwilling to bear himself. This is the spirit of his work. He is an overseer, Acts 20: 28, and yet a servant, II Cor. 4: 5; also Christ's direct representative to man, II Cor. 5: 20. Now to these the church owes filial obedience (as under law to Christ) Heb. 13: 17, and love and esteem, I Thess. 5: 12-13, and more, they owe God's faithful ministers a support, as shown by the apostle in I Cor. 9: 4-15, if the orchardist eats his fruit, if a government pays its soldiers, much more are we indebted to those who bring us the gospel of peace. Moreover, the same principle in law that cared for oxen and maintained the priests demands of us this duty, in view of the worth of souls weighed against the few carnal things any of us possess in this world. This is God's decreed plan for carrying on His work in the world and happy will it be for all our churches if we can be aroused to our duty in this important matter.

The duty of the pastor may here be briefly stated: It is of the first importance that his life be pure and eminently spiritual. Nothing can take the place of these things, and secondly, he

must study the word he preaches, depending upon God, the Spirit, for all his success. Lastly, the motive that prompts him to preach while it does involve yet must be above and independent of all mercenary considerations. See I Cor. 9: 15-19. Here the peculiar danger to the ministry. We must maintain the self-denial of the past and this coupled with the advantages of our day our possibilities cannot be estimated.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend frequent conferences between pastors and deacons that the work on this line this year may be pushed forward to the glory of our common Lord. L. P. GWALTNEY, Chairman.

Addresses by J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, V. W. Teague C. C. Pool and J. B. Pool.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. J. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Devotional exercises by J. S. Gwaltney.

10 a. m.—Previous minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The report of Committee on Education being the special order of the hour, was taken up and discussed by J. M. Shaver, J. S. Gwaltney, J. B. Pool, W. F. Knight.

The following resolutions supplemental to said report was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we, the churches of the Alexander Baptist Association, having received intelligence that we can secure the services of Bro. J. A. White as teacher of the U. B. Institute next year, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender to him the U. B. Institute for five years, and that we, by voluntary contributions, assist him in repairing the building; that the Trustees have the privilege to recommend an assistant, and that we give him our hearty co-operation.

J. B. POOL,
W. J. BUMGARNER,
L. P. GWALTNEY.

Remarks on the same by C. C. Pool.

The report was adopted.

11:45 a. m.—Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. Text. Romans xii, 16.

1:45 p. m.—D. W. Pool read report on

PERIODICALS

We feel satisfied that our people have never been fully impressed with the importance of the press as a factor in disseminating, not only the gospel, but other information which is very important for us to know. We would, therefore, urge our people to read the *Biblical Recorder* first, then *Charity & Children* and *The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal.*

Respectfully submitted, D. W. POOL.

Addresses by D. W. Pool, I. Oxford, J. B. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner. Adopted.

C. C Pool read report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The benefits of a well conducted Sunday School, we fear, are not appreciated by our churches as they should be; therefore, we recommend all our people to heartily engage in this great auxiliary power for good. Most all the churches this year report Sunday Schools; and we have noticed in our labors that those instructed in Sunday School are much easier reached by the preaching of the gospel than those who have been neglected.

C. C. POOL,
O. F. F. POOL.

Discussion made special for Sunday School mass meeting to-morrow. Adopted.

Brother J. J. Powell of Caldwell Association accepted seat with us.

W. E. White read report on

TEMPERANCE.

Each age and nation in the history of the world seem to have had its besetting sin. Sometimes it was idolatry; sometimes, fanaticism, while at other times deeds of violence seemed to prevail. We know not what the future historian may write of us and our time, but it does seem that if any vice is given pre-eminence, petted and nursed and given respectability by us, as a people, intemperance is that vice. One prime factor of the degrading vice is the *liquor trafic*, and one of its worst features is the moral degradation of the young men of the country by the insidious temptations of the liquor dealer. The special business of our great adversary is to decry, debase and ruin human souls and the liquor trafic is certainly one of his most efficient engines.

W. E WHITE.

Remarks by W E. White, C. C. Pool, W. F. Knight, S. D. Barnes, W. J. Bumgarner, J. S. Gwaltney.

Adopted.

C. C. Pool offered resolution as supplemental to the above report:

Resolved, That we advise the churches to withdraw fellowship from every member who aids in making ardent spirits in any way. C. C. POOL.

Adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported:

Time of next Association—Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1892.

Place—Taylorsville.

Introductory Sermon—W. J. Bumgarner *Alternate*, J. *M.* Shaver

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—D. W. Pool, V. W. Teague and A. M. Bumlgarner.

Duties to the Poor—W. J. Bumgarner, J. W. Millstead and P. C. Downs.

Education—L. P. Gwaltney, H. M. Crouch and Oscar Pool.

Sunday School—C. C. Pool, J. E. Gilreath and A. W. White.

Temperance—J. M. Shaver, E. B. Hendren and Thomas Watts.

Church and Pastoral Relation—J. P. Gwaltney, Leander Davis and E L. Childers.

Periodicals—W. R. Childers, E. C. Sloan and N. A. Pope.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Brushy Mountain—W. J. Bumgarner and W. Laws.

Brier Creek—E. B. Hendren and D. W. Pool.

South Yadkin—J. E. Cattam and W. P. Ingram.

South Fork—W. E. White and J. F. Moore.

Caldwell—J. M. Shaver and J. C. Bell.

State Convention—T. A. Hudson, J. P. Gwaltney and C. C. Pool

Southern Baptist Convention—W. E. Whire and D. W. Pool.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. MOORE, H. CHRISTOPHER, J. W. PHARR, } Com.

Adopted.

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters reported.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We have represented in this Association fifteen Churches. The number baptized in the last year is 88; received by letter, 38; excluded, 23; died, 15; number male members, 724; females, 1,294; total membership, 2,018; Pastors' salaries, $394.81; Church expenses, $116; Ministerial education, $11.45; State Missions, $32 12; Forcign Missions, $49.89; Home Missions, $3.65, Minute Fund, $18.60; other objects, $57.71, Total amount paid for all objects, $686.23. This as stated in the letters. We hope that all the churches have good Sunday Schools, but as only a few have given statistics in their letters, we give no notice of them in this report.

C. L. MILLSAPS, A. M. BUMGARNER, W. S, MCLEOD, } Com.

Adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported:

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report Received from the Churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	For the orphans
Antioch	$2 70				
Bethel	2 55			12 81	
Bethlehem	55				
Concord	1 60	1 70			1 00
Dover	1 00				
Lebanon	1 30	3 00	2 50	3 00	
Little River	55			55	
Macedonia	1 40	2 51		2 51	
Mt. Olive	95		1 15	2 81	
Pilgrim	1 20	1 15			
Pleasant Hill	1 00				
Poplar Spring	70				
Sulphur Spring	1 00	5 30			
Taylorsville	1 30	9 00			
Three Fork	1 60			3 37	
Total	$19 40	$22 66	$3 65	$24 75	$1 00
Collection for orphans					$5 60
Total for orphans					$6 60

Respectfully submitted,

E. B HENDREN,
E. L CHILDERS } Com't.
R. S. AUSTIN,

Adopted.

Correspondents reported. C. C. Pool visited Caldwell and Brier Creek Associations; W. J. Bumgarner visited Brushy Mountain; J. P. Gwaltney, South Yadkin; E. B. Hendren, Brier Creek.

The clerk was allowed five dollars for his services, and instructed to have one file of Minutes of the Association from organization to this meeting inclusive bound.

Elders J. M. Shaver and C. C. Pool reported mission work as follows:

I did mission work as follows: Six sermons at Rine's School House and and four sermons at Ellendale School House. Received at Rine's School House, $1.10; W. J. Bumgarner, Treas. Alexander Union, $843—in all, $9.53. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SHAVER.

Received on field. $16.00 C. C. POOL.

Committee on Devotion made announcements.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. S. Gwaltney.

W. E. WHITE, Moderator.

THOS. A. HUDSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY—9:30 O'OCLCK, A. M.

Sunday School addresses by Brethren J. J. Powell and J. L. Gwaltney.

11 a. m.—Sermon by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, Text, Exodus xxxii: 26.

Collection for Foreign Missions, - - - $2.58

" " State Missions, - - - - 2.58

12 m.—Sermon by Elder J. S. Gwaltney, Text, Matt. vi: 23.

TREASURER'S FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 3rd, 1891.

To the Alexander Baptist Association:

I submit the following statement of the Finances of the Association for the past year:

Minute Fund	$18.55
Paid for Printing Minutes,	16 00
Paid Clerk for his services	2.55
Turned over to Bro. Duncan, for different Missions,	26.00
Forwarded to Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	5.82
Total,	$40.37

Respectfully submitted, J. C. BELL, Treasurer.

Received of J C. Bell, Treasurer of Alexander Association, twenty-two dollars and sixty-four cents, as follows:

State Missions,	$2.15
Home Missions,	1.75
Foreign Missions,	7.39
S. Schools,	1.12
State Missions to day,	10.23
Total.	$22.64

Oct, 4th, 1890. C. DURHAM, Cor. Sec.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, &c.

Churches.	Church Membership									Ministers		
	Baptized.	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordained.	Licentiate.	Time of Preaching
Antioch	9	3	1	7	2	1	102	157	959	1	1	4th
Bethel	16	3	2	6	3		92	133	225	3		4th
Bethlehem	10	5	1		1				81			3rd
Concord		1		3			22	44	66			4th
Dover	1	1		2	2	1	42	80	122	1		3rd
Lebanon	6			3	1	1	23	47	70			4th
Little River		1		2			52	81	133			1st
Macedonia	22	5	2	2	3	5	76	187	265	1		4th
Mt. Olive	2			4	3	3	47	77	1 4			2nd
Pilgrim				2	4	1			129			2nd
Pleasant Hill	12				2	1	37	83	120			1st
Poplar Spring	6		1		1	1	29	47	76		1	2nd
Sulphur Spring		1		3			52	100	152			2nd
Taylorsville	1	4		4			15	18	33			
Three Fork	3		1		1	1	65	100	165	2		3rd
Total	88	24	8	38	23	15			2020	8	2	

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Churches.	Pastor	Post Office	Clerk	Post Office
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Vashti	J F Moore	Mt. Bethel
Bethel	W. H. Vanhoy	Hamtonville	J E Gilreath	Vashti
Bethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Dealsville	V W Teague	Bently
Concord	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	J M Martin	Hiddenite
Dover	J. F. Eller	Cilley	P C Downs	Downsville
Lebanon	J. B. Pool	Taylorsville	A M Bumgarner	Swanner
Little River	C. C. Pool	Partee	W Laws	Kilby
Macedonia	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	H Christopher	Thurston
Mt. Olive	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	J W Plarr	Kilby
Pilgrim	D W Pool	Vashti	J D Mayberry	Grade
Pleasant Hill	C C Pool	Partee	S J Harrington	Vashti
Poplar Spring	J M Shaver	Dealsville	J F Robinett	Partee
Sulph'r Spring	W A Pool	Statesville	W P Ingram	Hiddenite
Taylorsville	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	J M Oxford	Taylorsville
Three Fork	D W Pool	Vashti	J M Jones	Taylorsville

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Total
Antioch	$50 00				2 00		10 00	2 70	64 70
Bethel					12 81			2 55	15 36
Bethlehem	23 25	80 00					6 00		
Concord	25 00		2 42		1 10	1 00		1 60	30 10
Dover		23 00					17 00	1 00	41 00
Lebanon			3 00		3 00		2 50	1 30	9 30
Little River				15				55	65
Macedonia	60 00		2 51		2 51		9 30	1 40	75 72
Mt. Olive				1 15				95	2 10
Pilgrim				6 75				1 20	7 95
Pleasant Hill	26 56	13 00						1 00	40 56
Poplar Spring								70	70
Sulph'r Spring	100 00		5 30		5 00	3 00		1 00	114 30
Taylorsville	50 00		4 50	4 50	8 00			1 30	68 30
Three Fork	60 00		3 14		6 51	8 10		1 60	79 35

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendent.	Post Office	No of Schools	Officers & Teachers	Total	Number Attend'ce	Contributions
Antioch	Rob't Williams	Dealsville					
Bethel	J E Gilreath	Vashti	53	5	58	22	
Bethlehem	W W Teague	Bently	50	5	55	35	
Dover	A M Pennel	Avilla	20	3	23		
Lebanon	A M Bumgarner	Swanner	50	7	57		
Mt. Olive	J Partee Russel	Kilby	90	7	97	34	$15 21
Pleasant Hill	E L Childers	Vashti	66	5	71	30	
Poplar Spring	J C Chapman	Partee	47	7	54	32	
Taylorsville	J L Gwaltney	Taylorsville	73	7	80	38	12 91
Total			459	46	495	191	$28 12

HISTORY OF DOVER CHURCH.

Dover Church was organized in the year 1833, May 12th, in what was then Burke county. The church was cut off in Caldwell county; then in 1846 it fell into Alexander county. It is eleven miles north-west of Taylorsville and only about half a mile from the Caldwell county line. Many of the members live in Caldwell county. The church was organized with eleven members, to wit: Stephen Medlock, George Barnes, Joseph Pennel, Mary Johnson, Christin Teater, Hannah Pennel, Amy Barnes, Nancy Teater, Rachael Johnson, H. Holsclaw and Robert Barnhill. Stephen Medlock and Robert Barnhill were chosen as deacons and Rev. Wm. P. Swanson, pastor, and Huston Holsclaw, clerk. Of the first who went into the organization, none are living except Rev. Stephen Medlock and Brother Joseph Pennel, both very old and frail.

On May 22nd, 1835, M. D. Holder was chosen as pastor; May 11th, 1839, W. P. Swanson was again made pastor; then Cornelius Livingston was made pastor on May 29th, 1840; January 28th, 1843, Rev. Smith Ferguson became pastor; May 10th, 1845, Wm. Goforth was elected as pastor; February 12th, 1848, John G. Bryan was chosen as pastor; January 10th, 1852, James Reid pastor and H. Holsclaw, assistant; Dec. 12th, 1853, Burton Bradley, pastor, and H. Holsclaw assistant; March 10, 1855, Edmond Tilly pastor and H. Holsclaw assistant; June 2, 1857, Rev. J. Crouch, was made pastor; Oct. 2, 1858, J. H. Brown became pastor; April 12, 1862, S. Medlock was made pastor; May 9, 1963, Smith Furguson, pastor; April 9, 1864, D. B. Brown and H. West were the pastors; May 13, 1865, D. Wilborn pastor for ten years: May 8, 1875, D. M. Knight was made pastor; April 13, 1878, D. M. and W. F. Knight were pastors; April 8, 1882, S. D. Barnes became pastor; April 11, 1885, D. M. Knight was called as pastor; April 10, 1886, S. D. Barnes and A. M. Pennel did the preaching; April 9, 1887, D. M. Knight pastor; Sept. 10, 1887, S. D. Barnes pastor; May 19, 1888, J. B. Pool became pastor; Sept. 16, 1890, J. F. Eller was called as pastor, and is still serving the church.

Brother H. Holsclaw was clerk from May 25th, 1833 until June 2nd, 1849; then Joseph Isenhour was clerk until Feb, 12th, 1856; then Joseph Medlock till April 12th, 1862; H. Holsclaw served as clerk till Sept. 9, 1865; then Stephen Holsclaw was clerk until June 16, 1888; when P. C. Downs was made clerk who still serves the church.

The church began 58 years ago and the membership has increased to 125 in number. The old members are nearly all gone. Since last Association, old Brother John H. Winkler, who been a member 41 years, died. A short time before Henry White and wife both died who had been members of Dover church 40 years, also sister Amy Pennel who had been a member about the same time; thus teaching all of us the shortness of time and the brevity of life. (Signed) J. B. POOL, Asso. Historian.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alexander Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Taylorsville Church, Alexander County, N. C.,

Sept. 29th, 30th and Oct. 1st, 1892.

W. E. WHITE, MODERATOR,.....AVILLA, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, CLERK.....ELK SHOAL, N. C.

Next Session to be held with Bethlehem Church, Alexander County, Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, 1893.

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PROCEEDINGS.

TAYLORSVILLE CHURCH, THURSDAY, Sept., 29th, 1892.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Text, Mathew xx: 26.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas,

Elder L. P. Gwaltney and Moderator read the letters and the following delegates were enrolled:

ANTIOCH.—J. F. Moore, J. J. Keller, S. P. Watson.
BETHEL.—J. E. Gilreath, J. W. Bobs, I. N. Smith.
CONCORD.—T. A. Hudson, J. W. Pool, J. M. Martin.
DOVER.—P. C. Downs, M. S. Pennell, H. C. Pennell.
LEBANON.—T. J. Fortner, A. A. Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner.
MACEDONIA.—H. Christopher, G. W. Fox, J. W. Stafford.
MT OLIVE.—B. S. Kerley, I. Russel, J. W. Pharr.
LITTLE RIVER.—W. Laws, B. C. Deal, E. C. Sweet.
PILGRIM.—J. D. Mayberry, J. F. McLain, C. L. Millsaps.
PLEASANT HILL.—S. J. Harrington, D. W. Childers.
SULPHUR SPRINGS.—W. P. Ingram, J. F. Adams.
TAYLORSVILLE.—H. Meadows, D. W. Moose, E. C. Sloan.
THREE FORK.—J. M. Jones, W. V. Watt.
POPLAR SPRINGS.—J. F. Robinette, W. N. Barnes, N. T. Robinette.

On permanent organization, the following were, on motion, elected by acclamation:

Moderator, W. E. White; Clerk, T. A. Hudson; Treasurer, J. C. Bell; Historian, J. B. Pool.

The following correspondents and visiting brethren accepted seats with the Association:

Elder R. W. Gwaltney, of Central Association; Elder W. A. Pool, South Yadkin; Elder I. W. Thomas, Caldwell; Elders S. G. Goforth, I. Holler, W. M. Goforth, Brier Creek; J. C. Turner. South Yadkin, D. L. McCarge. M. A. Mitchell, Brier Creek.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—L. P. Gwaltney, E. C. Sloan, Harvey Meadows.
NOMINATIONS—E. C. Sloan, Wesley Laws, C. T. Millsaps.
DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS—J. F. Moore, S. J. Harrington, P. C. Downs.
FINANCE—J. D. Maberry, J. M. Jones, W. P. Ingram.

On motion of Elder C. C. Pool, on hours of meeting—prayer meeting, 9 a. m. Business meeting, 9:30, a. m. Recess, 1. p. m. Business 2. p. m. Adjourn at will.

Elder E. J. Edwards, representing Charity and Children, and Biblical Recorder, accepted seat with the Association.

Resolution by E. C. Sloan, as adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary of the Trustees of U. B. Institute be requested to make a statement to this Body of the present condition and work of the Institution, so that we may more intelligently co-operate with them.

2nd. That the consideration of their report be made special order for Saturday morning at the opening of the session.

Corresponding Messengers reported.

Elders L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, visited Brier Creek Association, Wesley Laws, Brushey Mountain.

Motion to Adjourn. Prayer by Elder I. Holler. Sermon by Elder W. R. Gwaltney, 8 p. m. Text: Col. 3:11.

FRIDAY, Sept. 30th, 1892.

Prayer Meeting conducted by Elder I. W. Thomas.

9:30. Minutes read and approved.

On motion report on Periodicals was read. Addresses by Elders E. J. Edwards, W. R. Gwaltney. See report

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals respectfully submit as follows, We consider the reading of religious journals an important educational factor, and would earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist and Foreign Mission Journal as worthy of your patronage. These contain information relative to the work of the denomination at home and abroad, which we need to arouse our sympathies and call forth our best efforts in the great work committed to us; also the importance of pure religious literature in the family cannot be overestimated, the young must and will read, hence the importance in giving them pure religious literature.

E. C. SLOAN,
W. R. CHILDER.

Report on Education read by Elder J. A. White, addresses on same by Elders W. R. Gwaltney and J. A. White. See report.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

Education properly means the orderly development of all the powers imparted to man at his birth. Whatever capacities one may naturally possess, these must be led out and trained in order to secure his highest efficiency and usefulness. While the term properly has this general application, it is ordinarily limited to what is done for the culture and training of the mental faculties, as being those which especially distinguish man from all the animal world around him. To secure this training, schools, colleges, and other institutions have been established, and their value and importance have been recognized among all people that have taken advantage of them and sustained them, so that they survived the severest shocks to which nations have been subjected in the course of their history.

Nothing is a surer indication of the enlightened prosperity of a people than the interest taken in providing properly in the way of teachers and all other appliances for the instruction of the young who are soon to become the men and women of influence in every community, and such institutions, properly equipped and thoroughly furnished are of incalculable benefit to every neighborhood even remotely influenced by them, and not less certainly, though not so largely to those who do not attend them as to those who do. Educated men or women are a great blessing to every individual of every community where such a one lives. All, therefore, are interested in equipping and furnishing institutions of learning though the minority of our sons and daughters attend them.

Every Baptist should rejoice in the schools already established by our own brethren for the education of our sons and daughters, and they should strive by all means to have their children receive the advantages they are suited to impart. As the ministers of the Gospel are necessarialy a most powerful influence [illegible] institutions which fit them for the most successful discharge of their duties deserve the hearty and liberal support of all our churches. In this line we commend to our brethren the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which has already been the instrument of untold good to our Southern towns. Also Wake Forest, our own College for the higher education of young men. Its prospects for prosperous usefulness were never higher than now. More than one hundred and seventy students having already entered its classes this season of whom thirty are looking forward to the work of the ministry. We commend, this our state Baptist institution to you as worthy of your generous contributions and liberal patronage. In our own county we take pleasure in

noting the increased interest in education shown by the increased number of high schools and their large number of pupils. The High schools at Vashti and Hiddenite; the former presided over by Prof. Frank Hendren; the latter by Prof. A. Frank Sharpe, are schools worthy of your patronage, and last but not least we call especial attention to the school whose buildings and grounds are owned by the Baptist of this Association, "The Taylorsville Classical Institute." This school has just opened under its present management with every encouragement for a large and prosperous session. It is absolutely necessary that repairs be made to preserve the property and that modern appointments, equipments be provided to meet the demands of the day. Therefore, we recommend to our churches,

1st, That they liberally contribute to the important work of repairing and furnishing the college building.

2nd. That regular and systematic contributions be taken for this purpose.

3rd. That a committee of one from each church be appointed to lay the claims before his church.

4th. That an agent without salary be appointed whose duty it shall be to visit the churches of this Association and present the claims of this institution and solicit contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WHITE, for Com.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner read report on Duties to the Poor. Address by E. J. Edwards. See report as adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Among the many duties performed by the people of God, none, perhaps, exhibits more of the character of our Saviour than that to the poor. He sought out, while on earth, the poor and the afflicted that He might do them good. To the poor His Gospel was preached. To his followers He said: "The poor ye always have with you and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." Again, it is said in the Old Testament Scripture: "The poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore, I command thee saying thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and thy needy in the land." There are various orders and institutions among us, not Christian that are prompt in their duties to their poor and needy. Then should the church of Jesus Christ fall behind these organizations in their duty; yea, could they not rather be leaders in this benevolent work? We would also recommend to our brethren our Orphanage at Thomasville and that they give to it their most liberal contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER, Chr.

Elder I. Oxford accepted seat with the association from Caldwell.

Bethlehem church letter, presented and delegates were Lawson Lael, J. A. Downs, V. W. Teague.

Elder J. P. Gwaltney read Report on Church and Pastoral Relation. Addresses on same by Elders C. C. Pool, W. A. Pool, J. A. White. See Report as adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION.

Church and Pastoral relation is, or should be, a very near and endearing relation since the blessings that accrue to each are mutual, that is the blessings to both depend upon the faithfulness of each other. The churches have a high regard for their pastors, see 1st Thes. 3 5: 12-13 and also that prayers and supplications he made for the Pastors, and while the preacher ministers to them in spiritual things, let them see to it, that he receives of their carnal things. See 9 chap. 1st Cor. 1-15. The ministers in the judgment of your committee cannot make a charge for preaching, see Cor. 9:18 Hence the deacons should be aroused to their duty on this line.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. GWALTNEY, Chr.

The Discussion of Missions special 10 A. M, By Elders D. W. Pool, W. A. Pool, J. A. White. See Report as adopted.

MISSIONS.

The command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is as binding we think, in us as it was in the immediate followers of Christ. This work is divided under three heads—State, Home, and Foreign. State missions is giving the gospel to the destitute in our own state. Home mission work is in the Southern States, Mexico, Cuba. the colored people of the South, and the American Indians. The Foreign field is all the foreign world. Much has been done, and is being done to supply this vast destitution. Brethren have we done our duty toward those who have not the gospel?

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL,

V. W. TEAGUE,

Report of Trustees read by W. E. White, See Report as adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Institution is occupied by Bro. J. A. White, who is operating a high school with prospects of success. About 60 or 70 pupils are enrolled. An able corps of assistants are at his command.

The buildings and grounds need improvements and an approximate estimate of the repairs and improvements necessary

to success is given as follows:

Black Boards all round,	$15.00
White washing walls,	5.00
Partitions in upper room,	25.00
3 stoves for " "	24.00
Painting overhead ceiling	15 00
Repairs on stair way outside Building	5.00
Well house and out houses	25.00
60 Desks, $390	234 00
Subscription for repairs $25.00	348.00
Subscription for Desks $82.00	107.00
10,700	
leaving amount due on estimated costs—	$241.00

Paid out already on repairs $88.03, which amt. has been furnished by E. C. Sloan and J. L. Gwaltney.

The co-operation of every Baptist in this work is most earnestly desired by the Board.

W. E. White Chm.
J. L. Gwaltney, Clerk of Board.

One man from each church is to assist Trustees in soliciting contributions to equip Institute etc., Antioch, J. F. Moose, Bethel,—J. E. Gilreath, Concord—T. A. Hudson, Lebanon—A. A. Bumgarner, Davie—M. S. Pennell, Macedonia—H. Christopher, Mt. Olive—B. S. Kerley, Little River—W. Laws, Pilgrim —J. D. Maberry, Pleasant Hill—S. J. Harrington, Sulphur Springs—W. P. Ingram, Taylorsville—H. Meadows, Three Fork —J. M. Jones, Poplar Springs—J. F. Robinette, Bethlehem— J. A. Downs. Association at large Elder J. A. White.

Report on Temperance read by J. M. Shaver. Addresses on same by Elders J. Oxford, J. B. Pool, I. Holler, J. T. Stover, C. C. Pool. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

1 We your Committee on temperance earnestly advise our members not to engage in the manufacturing or sale of ardent spirits for the sake of gain, Rom. 14:13-21. 1 Cor. 8: 13.

2 We recommend that our members abstain from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage. Gal. 5-19:21.

3 And we also recommend that if any of our members should habitually engage in either of the aforesaid evils, and the church having made an earnest effort to reclaim them, and failed' that she withdraw fellowship from them, 2nd Thes. 3:6.

J. M. Shaver,
Thos. Watts.
E. B. Hendren.

Adjourned: Prayer by Elder L. P. Gwaltney, Sermon by Elder J. W. Thomas, 8 P. M. Text 1st Cor. 3-9.

SATURDAY, Oct 1st, 1892.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder J. M. Shaver.

Minutes read and approved; Report on nominations read by C. L. Millsaps, Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Time of next Asssociation—Thursday before the first Sunday in October 1893

Place—Bethlehem.

Introductory Sermon—C. C. Pool. *Alternate*—J. P. Gwaltney.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—W. J Bumgarner, Thomas Watts, H. M. Crouch,

Duties to the Poor—L. P. Gwaltney, Monroe Fortner, L. S. Deal,

Education—D. W. Pool, Leander Davis, E. B. Hendren,

Sunday School—C. C. Pool, A. W. White, John Pharr.

Temperance—J, P. Gwaltney, J. P. Russel, E. L. Childers.

Church and Pastoral Relation—J. M. Shaver, J. W. Millstead, V. W. Teague,

Periodicals—W. R. Childers, J. B. Pool, N. A. Pope.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Brushy Mountain—W. J. Bumgarner, Wesley Laws

Brier Creek—E B. Hendren, J. E. Gilreath.

South Yadkin—W. P. Ingram, James Davis.

South Fork—W. E. White, P. C. Downs.

Caldwell—J. M. Shaver, J. C. Bell,

State Convention—L. P. Gwaltney, T. A. Hudson, Aman Bumgarner,

Southern Baptist Convention—W. E. White, J. M. Shaver.

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. MILLSAPS, }
WESLEY LAWS } Committee.
E. C. SLOAN. }

Committee on Digest of Church Letter Report. See report as adopted.

We the Committee on Digest of Church Letters submit the following report:

We have in the Association fifteen Churches. Baptized in last year, 146; by letter, 55; restored, 18; dismissed by letter, 53; excluded, 21; died 19; number males, 888; females, 1,257; total membership, 2,145; Pastors' salaries, $520.05; Church and other expenses, $161.43; Home missions, $9.53; Foreign missions, $76.17; Minute Funds, $16:35; total amount paid for all objects $783.53. We hope that all churches have good Sunday Schools, but as only a few have given statistics in their letters we give no notice of them in this report.

P. C. DOWNS, }
S. J. HARRINGTON, } Com.
J. F. MOORE, }

Resolutions of 5th Sunday Unions read by J. W. Pharr. See resolution adopted.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this body that hereafter the clerk of the Union Meetings held within the bounds of this Association be requested to furnish a synopsis of the work of the same for insertion in our annual records and that the same be made an item in our order of business where most appropriate.

J. M. PHARR.

Report on Sunday Schools. read by C. C. Pool. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

The power of the Sunday School for good is easily observed by all who watch the progress of the church; therefore we recommend all the churches to steadily engage in this great and good work. We are glad to see some increase in interest. We observe that there has been Sunday Schools in and around most all the churches and some of the churches have two.

C. C. POOL,

Committee on Finance report. Adopted.

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report. Received from the Churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission
Antioch	$1 10			
Bethel	1 80	$1 82		
Bethlehem	1 00			
Concord	1 55			73
Dover	85			
Lebanon	1 00			5 00
Little River	75			
Macedonia	1 35			10 05
Mt. Olive	50			45
Pilgrim	1 10			
Pleasant Hill	55			
Poplar Spring	30			
Sulphur Spring	1 50	3 17		
Taylorsville	1 85	5 00	5 00	17 36
Three Fork	1 10			
Total	16 30	9 99	5 00	33 59

Collection for Education	$10 76
" " College	3 86
" " Orphanage	5 74
" " Foreign Mission	11 08

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MAYBERRY.
J. M. JONES,
W. P. INGRAM. } Com.

Treasurer's report as adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sixth Annual Treasurer's report of the Alexander Baptist Association:

Minute Fund	$19 40
Paid for Printing Minutes	13 00
Paid to Clerk	5 00
Paid postage	3
Balance on hand	1 37
Forwarded to State Treasurer Baptist Convention, State Mission	22 66
Home Mission	3 65
Foreign Mission	24 78
Orphans	6 00
Money received since last Association for Foreign Mission	14 61
Money on hand for Foreign Missions	4 00

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. BELL, Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.
W. E. WHITE, Moderator.

T. A. HUDSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY—9:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool. Addresses on Sunday School, by Brethren R. W. G. Turner and J. E. Stikeleather. Prayer by Elder J. A. White.

11 a. m.—Sermon by Elder J. A. White, Text, Hagai 11.4 and Numbers 4:12.

Prayer by Elder C. C. Pool.

Benediction by Elder J. A. White.

HISTORY OF TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Pursuant to a call made by certain brethren and sisters in the year 1851, on October the 6th, a Presbytery consisting of Richard Gentry, S. P. Smith, and R. L. Steele, was constituted a Baptist church in the town of Taylorsville, with 23 white males and 29 white females with 3 colored brethren and one sister. The constitution of this church grew out of the Temperance question, which was then being agitated in the churches of this country. Rev. John W. Jones joined the Sons of Temperance, others followed. Little River church expelled Bro. Jones from the church. When the Association met that year at Macedonia, the Brethren and Sisters who resented the act of Little River church carried their grievances to the Association and not getting the same redressed, was constituted into Taylorsville church with Smith Ferguson, M. D. and L. H Jones, clerk, Rev, Smith

Furguson remained pastor till 1861. L. H. Jones was clerk three years, then Calvin Jones became clerk and served to September1866. After Bro. Furguson's pastorate ended Rev. F. A. Belcher served the church till Nov. 1865. Then Rev. W. R Gwaltney was called and served for some time, followed by Rev. G D. Sherrill. W. A. Pool and J. B. Marsh. I cannot tell from the record how long each served nor can I tell of the success of the church.

I find from church Record that J. P. Gwaltney was pastor for year 1878, then Rev. W. A. Pool, was pastor for two years and D. W. Moose, clerk. In November 1880 Rev. J. B. Marsh was made pastor, and from what I can find on church record he remained pastor to Jan. 1888. Bro. D. W. Moose, served as clerk till 1885, and Bro. N. A. Pope was made clerk. In January 1888 Rev. L. P Gwaltney was chosen pastor, who still serves. Brother J. M. Bowles was made clerk, Aug 1888. I cannot tell from Record how long he served. Bro C. W Sower was clerk awhile. Bro. J. M Oxford was made clerk April 1890 and served to September 1891. Then E. C. Sloan present incumbent was made clerk. So far as I can find from church record there are 16 males and 21 females now belonging to this church.

Respectfully submitted.

I. B. Pool C. H.

NANCY LAWS.

Sister Nancy Laws, was born 12th of March 1833. And died 1st of March 1892, being 59 years old lacking 2 days when she died. She was the daughter of Eucharian Webster, of a good family, and in her girlhood I learn was respected by all. She united with Little River Baptist Church September 1850, when she was 17 years of age since which time, all down the years, sister Laws sustained an unblemished christian character. She was married to Wesly Laws, Esq. January 22nd 1851 in her 18th year. As a result of her marriage she became the mother of seven children, six daughters and one son, all now living.

One notable thing connected with her death is she lived at the residence of Bro, Wesly Laws for 41 years where other families had lived and she was the first that ever died on the place. In the death of sister Laws, the family sustained untold loss and the church one of her brightest members

Respectfully submitted

J. B. Pool, Historian.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, &c

Churches.	Church Membership									Ministers.		
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained.	Licentiate	Time of Preaching.
Antioch	16	2	3	8		4	108	164	272	1		4th
Bethel	13		1	12	1				226	3		4th
Bethlehem	21	14		1			49	63	112		1	3rd
Concord	4	2	2				24	49	73			1st
Dover	12		3	8	4	3	75	46	136	1	1	3rd
Lebanon	18	3	1	2	1	1	32	58	90	1	1	4th
Little River	13	1	2	1	1	1	56	94	150			1st
Macedonia	3	3	2	5	5	2	74	186	260	1		4th
Mt. Olive	9	2	1	6	1	1	45	83	128			2nd
Pilgrim	19	4	4		2	2			148	1		3rd
Pleasant Hill	4		1	3	1		37	84	121			1st
Poplar Spring	6	5	2		3	1	37	50	87			2nd
Sulphur Spring	3			3	2	2	50		150			4th
Taylorsville		5		3			14	19	33			
Three Fork	5	4	1	4		2	68	106	174	2		3rd
Total	146	45	19	56	21	19	669	1002	2160	10	3	

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office	Clerk.	Post Office
Antioch	D W Pool	Vashti	J F Moore	Mt. Bethel
Bethel	C C Pool	Partee	J E Gilreath	Vashti
Bethlehem	J M Shaver	Dealsville	V W Teague	Bentley
Concord	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	J M Martin	Hiddenite
Dover			P C Downs	Downsville
Lebanon	J B Pool	Taylorsville	A M Bumgarner	Swanner
Little River	C C Pool	Partee	W Laws	Kilby
Macedonia	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	H Christopher	Thurston
Mt. Olive	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	J W Pharr	Kilby
Pilgrim	J G Wetherman	Jennings Mills	J D Mayberry	Grade
Pleasant Hill	D W Pool	Vashti	S J Harrington	Vashti
Poplar Spring	J M Shaver	Dealsville	J F Robinett	Partee
Sulph'r Spring	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	W M Lackey	Hiddenite
Taylorsville	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	J M Oxford	Taylorsville
Three Fork	D W Pool	Vashti	J M Jones	Taylorsville

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expense	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orph'n'ge	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Tot l.
Antioch	$75 00	18 00	.....	.....	9 78	5 00	.....	1 10	108 88
Bethel	60 00	17 39	1 82	.....	3 92	.....	.....	1 80	84 93
Bethlehem	25 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 75	1 00	40 75
Concord	25 00	.....	1 97	.....	2 60	.....	.....	1 55	31 12
Dover	40 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	41 05
Lebanon	.....	5 00	.....	4 20	8 00	6 25	5 75	1 00	30 20
Little River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	70
Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 05	6 00	6 00	1 30	16 05
Mt. Olive	25 00	5 14	.....	45	1 00	.....	.....	50	32 09
Pilgrim	30 00	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	1 10	38 45
Pleasant Hill	30 00	40 05	1 08	.....	.....	2 45	.....	50	73 05
Poplar Spring	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	30	60
Sulph'rSpring	100 00	.....	3 17	.....	6 34	.....	.....	1 50	111 01
Taylorsville	50 00	.....	5 00	5 00	4 00	.....	10 60	1 85	76 45
Three Fork	60 00	.....	.....	2 40	8 83	4 69	42 00	1 10	65 02
Total	509 05	98 18	13 04	12 05	54 72	24 39	73 85	16 35	750 35

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendents	Post Office	No. of Scholars	Officers & Teachers	Total Number Attend'ce	Contributions
Bethel	J E Gilreath	Vashti	52	.....	52	22	.....
Bethlehem	W W Teague	Mt. Bethel	50	5	55	40	.....
Concord	C A Drum	Hedricks	30	4	34	.....	.....
Lebanon	A M Bumgarner	Swanner	45	7	52	45	.....
Mt. Olive	J P Stevenson	Kilby	58	8	66	25	$11 77
Pilgrim	J P Brewer	Grade	37	3	40	15	.....
Pleasant Hill	E L Childers	Vashti	52	11	63	23	.....
Poplar Spring	J C Chapman	Partee	57	9	66	32	.....
Sulphur Spring	W M Lackey	Hidenite	.....	.....	61	61	.....
Taylorsville	J L Gwaltney	Taylorsville	62	.....	62	28	10 60
Total	—	.....	443	47	551	291	$22 37

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alexander Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Church, Alexander County, N.C.,

Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1st, A. D. 1893.

W. E. WHITE, MODERATOR.....AVILLA, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, CLERK.....ELK SHOAL, N. C.

Next Session to be held with Mt. Olive Church, Alexander County, Begining on Thursday before the first Lord's day in Oct. 1894.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Church Letters and Enroll Delegates.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Appoint Committees.
5. Call on Delinquent churches.
6. Receive New Churches.
7. Invite Visiting Brethren.
8. Read Constitution and By-Laws.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Report of Other Committees.
11. Report of Messengers.
12. Querries and Requests.
13. Clerk's Fees.
14. Miscellaneous.

PROCEEDINGS.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, THURSDAY SEPT., 28th, 1893.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. Text. 1 Corrinthians xv. 58.

1:30 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney.

Elders W. J. Bumgarner, L. P. Gwaltney and Clerk read the letters, and the following delegates were enrolled,

ANTIOCH—J. P. White, R. W. Monday, J. D. Caldwell.
BETHEL—J. E. Gilreath, W. J. Childers, E. B. Hendren.
CONCORD—T. A. Hudson, J. M. Martin.
DOVER—P. C. Downs, M. S. Pennell.
LABANON—Amon Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner, A. M. Bumgarner.
LITTLE RIVER—W. Laws, Bynum Deal.
MACEDONIA—H. Christopher, G. W. Hefner, F. Warren,
MT OLIVE—Isaac Russell, J. W. Pharr.
PILGRIM—A. Mayberry.
PLEASANT HILL—E. L. Childers, S. W. Harrington.

Poplar Springs—No deligate.
Sulphur Springs—R. L. Davis, W. M. Lackey.
Bethlehem—M. A. Teague, W. G. Fox, V. W. Teague,
Three Fork—J. W. Milstead.
Taylorsville—Thomas Watts.

ORGANIZATION.

Association proceeded to the election of officers, I. W. Thomas and E. J. Edwards were appointed to act as tellers, who reported as follows:–

Moderator, W. E. White; Clerk, T. A. Hudson; Treasurer, J. C. Bell; Historian, J. B. Pool.

Correspondence invited.

Elders E. J. Edwards of Thomasville Orphanage, I. W. Thomas and W. R. Beach, of Caldwell Association accepted seats.

The following Committees were appointed by Moderator,

Religious Execises—J. M. Shaver, M. A. Teague, W. G. Fox.
Nominations—R. L. Davis, Bynum Deal, F. Warren.
Digest of Church Letters—J. M. Martin, A. M. Bumgarner, J. W. Milstead.
Finance—A. Mayberry, E. B. Hendren, V. W. Teague.

Constitution read by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. On motion, the following order of exercises was adopted for this session:– Prayer meeting, 9:30, a. m. Business meeting, 10 a. m. Sermon, 11:30, a.m. Business meeting 1:30, p. m. Adjourn at will.

On motion, Duties to the Poor Special order for to-morrow at 10:30, a. m.

Corresponding Messengers reported.—Elder J. P. Gwaltney, attended Brier Creek Association, Elder W. J. Bumgarner, State Convention, Elder J. M. Shaver, Caldwell Association.

On motion, Missions made special order for Friday p. m. At assembling. Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas. Benediction by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

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Friday, 9:30, A. M.

Prayer Meeting conducted by Elder W. R. Beach.
Previous Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Visiting Brethren invited.—W. R. Hendren, of Brushy Mountain Association, accepted a seat.

Committee on Periodicals report. Addresses by Elders W. R. Childers, J. B. Pool. See report as adopted.

PERIODICALS.

We your Committee on Periodicals recommend The Biblical Recorder, printed at Raleigh N. C. The North Carolina Baptist, printed at Fayeteville N. C. The American Baptist, printed at St. Louis Mo. Charity and Children, printed at Thomasville N. C. The Home-field, printed at Atlanta Ga. The Foreign Mission Journal, printed at Richmond Va. Now Brethren if you wish to know anything about your own brethren in the State, take The Recorder. If you wish to know anything of Foreign Missions, take the Foreign Mission Journal. If you wish to know of Home Missions, take the Home-field. If you wish to know anything about the Orphans, take Charity and Children.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. R. Childers, J. B. Pool, } Com.

The hour of Special Order having arrived, Committee on Duties to the Poor reported. Addresses by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, E. J. Edwards and W. J. Bumgarner. Collection for orphans $3. 48. See Report as adopted.

ON DUTIES TO POOR,

Our Savior sought out, while on earth the "poor and needy" that He might do them good, His example is worthy our imitation, Our opportunities of doing good are many—At our Orphanage is 125 orphan children dependant upon us, for food, clothes and education. Brethren let us come up to the help of the Lord in providing for the children of our dead Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Therefore be it resolved that we try to raise 5 cts from every member of our Association during the ensuing year for this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted.

Committee.

At 11:30, Sermon by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, Text Eph. v. 14. When Association adjourned for dinner.

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At 1:30, P. M. Association called to order. As the special order for the hour, Report on Missions was read and addresses on same by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, I. W. Thomas, L. P, Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, C. C. Pool. See Report as adopted.

MISSIONS.

The mission work is divided under three heads—State, Home and Foreign. State mission embraces that of giving the Gospel to the

destitute portions of North Carolina; superintended by the Board or otherwise. We would especially recommend to the consideration of our brethren tho destitution of our border, along the Catawba river. Brother J, M. Shaver has already been occupying a portion of this field and we hear that the signs are hopeful.

Home mission embraces that of giving the gospel to the destitution of the Southern States, both White and Col., the American Indians, and to Cuba.

Foreign missions is that of carrying the gospel to the nations of the earth. In this department of the work, much is being done, and yet much more remains to be done. Thousands of heathen are dying every year without a knowledge of the gospel of Christ. Brethren, let us wake up to our duty with reference to this work. We your committee would recommend to our brethren the "Gospel Mission" as undertaken by Elder D. W. Herring and others, as worthy of your consideration and invite the co-operation of the churches who may desire to do so, to aid iu this work.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. J. Bumgarner. Char.

Pertaining to Missions, the following supplementary motions were passed,

1st. That the churches of the Alexander Association be recommended to contribute to Brother W. E. Crocker, as our Foreign Missionary. And that, Elder J. B, Pool is appointed to receive and foward all funds for that object to Brother Bostic of Asheville N. C. free of charge.

2nd. Motion by Brother D. W. Pool, that all the money on hand for Foreign missions, be appropriated to Brother Crocker. Also that a Brother in each church of the Association be appointed to collect funds from his church, for the support of Brother Crocker. and foward them quarterly to Brother J. B. Pool, Taylorsville N. C. The following Brethren were appointed.

Antioch—R. W, Monday. Bethel—E. B. Hendren. Bethlehem—J. A. Downs. Concord—T. A. Hudson. Dover—P. C. Downs. Lebanon—J. M. Fortner. Little River—Wesley Laws. Macedonia—J. E. Chatham. Mt. Olive—J. W. Pharr. Pilgrim A. Mayberry. Pleasant Hill—S. W. Harrington. Poplar Springs—W. N. Barnes. Sulphur Springs—W M. Lackey. Taylorsville—J. L. Gwaltney. Three Fork—W. S. McLeod.

3rd Motion by W. J. Bumgarner, that each church be requested to take one collection during the year for the benefit of Elder

J. M. Shaver in consideration of the work he is doing in preaching to the destitute.

4th. Motion by C. C. Pool, that the Churches of the Association be requested to take one collection annually for the work of Home Missions.

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

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SATURDAY, 9:30. A. M.

Religious Exercises conducted by Brother R. L. Davis.

Minutes read and approved. Committee on Digest of Church Letters reported. See report as adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We the Committee submit the following:— we have in this Association Fifteen Churches, of which Fourteen are represented. Baptized in last year, 86; received by letter, 41; restored, 5; dismissed by letter, 62; excluded, 15; died, 13; number of males, 706; nnmber of females, 1,360, total, 2,066; Pastors' Salaries, $223. 50; State Missions, $7.00; Home Missions, $7.00; Foreign Mission, $56.37; Minute fund, $12.34; Paid for all objects, $408.60. We find eight churches report Sunday Schools, but as they have not all given statistics we cannot make a correct report.

Respectfully Snbmitted.

A. M. Bumgarner.
J. M. Martin } Com.
J. W. Milstead

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Time of next Association—Thursday before the first Sunday in October 1894

Place—Mt Olive.

Introductory Sermon—J. M. Shaver; alternate L. P. Gwaltney.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—L. P. Gwaltney, Monroe Fortner, W. S. McLeod.

Duties to the poor—J. M. Shaver, E. B. Hendren, W. R. Childers.

Education—J. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White, J. J. Hendren.

Sunday Schools—C. C. Pool, J. M. Shaver, J. A. Downs.

Temperance—D. W. Pool, V. W. Teague, J. P. Russell.

Church and Pastoral Relation—W. J. Bumgarner, W. W. Teague, E. L. Childers.

Periodicals—J. B. Pool, J. L. Gwaltney, Amon Bumgarner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brushy Mountain—W. J. Bumgarner, E. B. Hendren, J. W. Pharr.

Brier Creek—L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.

South Yadkin—D. W. Pool, T. A, Hudson, W, R. Childers.
South Fork—C. C. Pool, J. M.Shaver, J. A. White.
Caldwell—W. J. Bumgarner, W. E. White, J. M. Shaver.
State Convention—J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
Southern Baptist Convention—J. A. White, J. B. Pool.

Respectfully Submitted.

R. L. Davis.
Frederic Warren. } Com.
Bynum Deal.

Committee on Education Report. Addresses on same, by Elders D. W. Pool, J. A. White, I. W. Thomas, J. B. Pool. See Report as adopted.

EDUCATION.

There is now, perhaps as never before, in the history of our country a necessity for education.—Men and women who are developed both in head and heart. Education for the purpose of doing good, and not merely to make money. Education which will teach us the realities of life and give us the force of character to stand by the right. We fear our people are not awake to their responsibillity on this great question, we would especially urge upon young men who are entering the ministry to educate themselves; surely they are not excusable if they do not learn their mother tongue. We recommend the Schools at Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Vashti, and Moravian Falls. For those desiring higher education, Wake Forest is all that could be desired.

Respectfully Submitted.

D. W. Pool.
E. B. Hendren. } Com.

By motion funds for Education from Taylorsville church is to be paid to T. C. Institute for repairs. Elder J. A. White is appointed by association to visit the churches in interest of T. C. Institute expenses, without charge.

11:30, Sermon by I. W. Thomas. Text Col. ii. 10.

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1:30. p. m. Corresponding and visiting Brethren invited. Elder I. Oxford and Brethren R. H. McCall, J. W. West, and J. L. McLeon, accepted seats.

Church and Pastoral relation, Committee Reports. Addresses by Brother V. W. Teague, Elders J. M. Shaver, J, A. White. J. P. Gwaltney, Brother W. E. White. See Report as adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION.

This subject is one of vast importance. It underlies all our work

as churches. The Pastor is the watchman against the approaching foe, the shepherd of the flock, His life therefore should be pure and he himself armed with the sword of the spirit,

It is the duty of the church to co-operate with her pastor in his work. It it is her duty to support her pastor that he may give himself to the study and work of the ministry. We therefore recommend frequent conference between the pastor and deacons, that they may understand the needs of their pastor and relieve his hands.

J. M. Shaver.
V. W. Teague. } Com.
J. W. Milstead.

Committee on Temperance, Reports. Address by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. See Report as adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a christian grace and one of the fruits of the Spirit and should be cultivated in the hearts of all christians. Intemperance is a monster evil and it is slaying its victims by the thousands annually. The question naturally arises, what, is to be done? We your committee suggest that all members of the church abstain from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, and that no one should engage in the manufacturing or sale of ardent spirits for gain. Taking Paul for example, "If I by eating meat cause my brother to offend I will eat no more meat while the world stands." We also advise that faithful preaching be done and church discipline be used along this line.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. P. Gwaltney.
Eli L. Childers.

Committee on Sunday School Report. Discussed Sunday by Elder W. R. Beach and Brother J. W. Shell. See report as adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We note with pleasure the interest taken in Sunday school work, we think that with few exceptions our churches have engaged heartily in the Sunday school work this year. The sphere is one in which both old and young can and should work. In this department of christian labor, the seed of truth may be sown which will ripen in great good to the church and individuals. We have regular Sunday school and Fifth Sunday meetings. We recommend lesson helps.

C. C. Pool.
J. W. Pharr,

Treasurer's Report. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Seventh Annual Treasurer's report of the Alexander Baptist Association.

Minute fund paid to clerk.....$17. 67

Fowarded to Treasurer Baptist State Convention.

State Missions.....6. 99

Home Missions.....5. 00
Foreign Missions.....44. 67
Education.....10. 76
College.....3. 86
Orphanage.....5. 74

Money received and forwarded since last Association.

Orphanage.....4. 81
Foreign Missions.....1. 00
Money on hand for Foreign Missions.....11. 27

Respectfully submitted

J. C. Bell, Treasurer.

Committee on Financial Report. Adopted.

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following Report:—Received from the Churches, as follows:—

Churches.	Minute Fund	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission
Antioch	$1. 60			
Bethel	1. 45			$1. 82
Bethlehem	1. 00			1. 77
Concord	1. 30			1. 51
Dover	1. 00			
Lebanon	85			3. 30
Little River	60			
Macedonia	1. 00			8. 98
Mt. Olive	40			2. 47
Pilgrim	85			
Pleasant Hill	65			2. 70
Poplar Spring				
Sulphur Spring	1. 00			5. 25
Taylorsville	94	7. 00	7. 00	8. 00
Three Fork	1. 15			1. 35
Total	13. 79	7. 00	7. 00	37. 15

From Taylorsville Church for College - - - - - - $8. 00
Collection for Orphanage - - - - - - - - - - - 3. 48

Respectfully Submitted,

E. B. Hendren.
A. Mayberry. } Com.
V. W. Teague.

Sunday Oct. 1st 1893.

Religious Exercises by Eld. D. W. Pool. Sermon at 11: a. m. by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney, Text; Luke xiv. 17, 18. Collection $5. 15. Adjourned. Benediction by Eld. C. C. Pool.

HISTORY OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH.

I find the Church at Bethlehem was organized the Second Saturday in December 1871, by a Presbytery composed of Elds. J. H. West and H. West. I find also a Church Covenant. I cannot tell how many members went into the organization. I find that M. R. Austin was ordained as a Deacon and also made Clerk, and remanied Clerk until September 1872, when Brother C. Benfield was made Clerk. Elder H. West was made Pastor and served till September 1872, when Elder J. R. Sherrill was made Pastor; but I cannot tell how long the Clerk or Pastor remained. Then from 1881 till 1889 the Church was served by W. J.Bumgarner, but the record does not show it. In 1889 Eld. W. J. Bumgarner began preaching at Bethlehem and continued to preach there until the 3rd. Saturday in August 1890, during this time Brother W. G. Fox was Clerk.

On 3rd. Saturday in March 1891, Eld. J. M. Shaver was made Pastor and V. W Teague Clerk, both remain until the present. I find the church has grown, from 1889 to the present, from 70 members to 126.

J. B. Pool, Historian

Memoir of Amanda L. Bell.

Sister Amanda L. Bell was born August the 14th 1847. She was the daughter of Vandiver and Mary Teague. She grew up to womanhood and was married to Bro. J. C. Bell, on the 14th. of January 1868. She joined the church at Antioch in September 1878. She lived a consistent christian life and was highly esteemed by her family, church and neighbors. A while before she died she was stricken with Palsy. She bore her affliction with christian meekness, showing that she conformed her will to the will of God.

She departed this life march 8th 1893, leaving a large circle of friends, a husband and daughter.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. Pool, Historian.

ELIZABETH WATSON.

Elizabeth Watson was born Oct. 29th. 1829. Before her marriage her maiden name was Reid. She married J. A. Watson in 1846. By whom she has been the mother of eleven children. Two sons and four daughters have already gone on before her, while she yet leaves two sons and three daughters. She joined the Baptist Church at Antioch in, 1848 and lived a consistent member of the same up to her death, Sep. 11th. 1893. Her husband, J. A. Watson is still living. May the Lord's blessings be with him in his loneliness.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Pool, Historian.

PASTORS AND CLERKS WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerk.	Post Office.
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Vashti	R. S. Austin	Dealsville.
Bethel	C. C. Pool	Partee	J. E. Gilreath	Vashti.
Bethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Dealsville	V. W. Teagne	Bentley.
Concord	W J Bumgrner	Swanner	J. M. Martin	Hiddenite.
Dover	S. D. Barnes	Boomer	P. C. Downs	Downsville.
Lebanon	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner	A M Bumgarner	Swanner.
Little River	C. C. Pool	Partee	Wesley Laws	Kilby.
Macedonia	J. A. White	Taylorsville	H. Christopher.	Thurston.
Mt. Olive	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner	J. W. Pharr	Kilby.
Pilgrim	J G Wetherman	Genings Mill	J. D. Mayberry.	Grade.
Pleasant Hill.	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner	S.J. Harington.	Vashti.
Poplar Sring.				
Sulphur Spr.	L.P.Gwatlney.	Vashti	W. M. Lackey	Hiddenite
Taylorsville	J. A. White	Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville
Three Fork	D. W. Pool	Vashti	J. M. Jones	Taylorsville

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP &c.

Churches.	Church Membership.									Min'ters		
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained.	Licentiate.	Time of Preaching.
Antioch	13		2	8		4	108	165	273			4th.
Bethel		1	1	28	3	1	74	121	195	3		4th.
Bethlehem	8	3	1	3	1		50	76	126		13	rd.
Concord	20	6	1				31	63	94			1st.
Dover	8	2		10	3	1	46	72	118	1		2nd
Lebanon		5		1	5		29	59	88	1		2nd
Little River		1		1			46	73	119			1st.
Macedonia	10	3		2		3	75	191	276	1		4th.
Mt. Olive	5	1		3			39	78	117			2nd
Pilgrim	8	14	1	3	4	1			163	1		3rd.
Pleasant Hill	2		1	1			36	83	119			4th.
Sulphur Spring				3		2			145		12	rd.
Taylorsville	8	4		4			19	21	40			1st.
Three Fork	4	1	1	3		7	62	102	164	2		3rd.
Poplar Spring												
Total	86	41	8	70	16	19	515	1119	2037	9	2	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Post Office.	No. of Scholars.	Officers & Teachers.	Total.	No. of Attend'ce	Contributions.
Antioch	J. D. Caldwell	Dealsville	45		45	30	
Bethlehem	W. W. Teague	Mt. Bethel					
Concord	T. P. Lockey	Hiddenite			68	35	
Dover	W. D. Mooney				30		
Lebanon	A.A.Bumgarner.	Swanner			75	51	
Mt. Olive	W. Stephenson	Kilby			90		$3. 00
Pilgrim					52		
Pleasant Hill.	E. S. Childers						
Sulphur Spr.	W. M. Lackey				84	45	
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan				67	41	14. 27
Macidonia	W. R. Childers				84	40	
Total			45		595	245	17. 27

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch					$5.12	$1.78		$1.60	$13.54
Bethel	$60.00				1.82			1.45	62.57
Bethlehem	20.00				4.87			1.00	25.87
Concord	25.00				1.51		$8.60	1.30	36.41
Dover	13.50						8.00	1.00	22.50
Lebanon					3.30			85	4.15
Little River								60	60
Macedonia					8.99		9.80	1.00	10.80
Mt. Olive					8.80		3.00	40	12.20
Pilgrim							3.65	85	4.40
Pleasant Hill	30.00				2.70		16.30	65	46.95
Poplar Spring.									
Sulphur Spring					7.78			1.00	9.78
Taylosville	75.00		$7.00		8.00		8.00	94	180.94
Three Fork					5.48	3.03	20.65	1.15	29.23
Total	223.50		7.00		58.37	4.81	67.90	13.79	460.24

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eighth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Alexander County Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

MT. OLIVE CHURCH, Oct., 4-7, 1894.

Next Session to be held with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Alexander County, Beginning on Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, 1895.

W. E. WHITE, Moderator.....Avilla, N. C.,
T. A. HUDSON, Clerk.....Elk Shoal, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

ALEXANDER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—OF—

NORTH CAROLINA.

Mt. Olive Church, Thursday Oct. 4th. 1894.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Shaver. Text, Jeremiah xvii. 5-8.

At 1:30 p. m., the Association assembled. Prayer by Eld. W. R. Beach. Moderator called for Church letters. J. L. Gwaltney and W. J. Davis read the letters and the following delegates were enrolled:

Antioch:—J. A. White, O. A. Keller and J. D. Caldwell.
Bethel:—J. E. Gilreath, H. T. Campbell and J. J. Hendren.
Bethlehem.—A. W. Roberson, W. L. Teague and Sidney Lael.
Concord:—A. L. Pierce, W. G. Gryder and T. A. Hudson.
Lebanon:—T. L.Bumgarner, W.R. Bumgarner and J. M. Fortner.
Little River:—J. W. Deal, N. C. Deal, and L. W. Robinette.
Macedonia:—H. Christopher, T. C. Ingram and J. G. Stikeleather.
Pilgrim:—R. Carson, G. W. Bunton and J. P. Hendren.
Pleas. Hill:—S. J. Harrington, W. V. Mitchell and E. L. Childers.
Poplar Springs:—J. F. Robinett, W. N. Barnes and N. T. Robinett.
Sulpher " W. J. Davis, H. B. Thomas and W. P. Ingrim.
Three Forks:—A. L. Watts, P. A. Childers and J. M. Jones.
Taylorsville:—J. L. Gwaltney, O. F. Pool and D. L. Mitchell.

Permantly organized, with W. E. White, Moderator, T. A. Hudson, Clerk, H. Christopher, Treasurer, and W. J. Bumgarner, Historian, all of which were elected by acclamation.

Motion to seat J. C. Brooksher and C. L. Sherrill, Dover delegates, was adopted.

Order of business was suspended and committee on Duties to the Poor reported, and Eld. J. M. Shaver waived his right of address for J. H. Mills of Thomasville Orphanage.

Report on Duties to the Poor:

Our Savior sought out, while on earth, the "poor and needy" that He might do them good. His example is worthy our imitation. Our opportunities of doing good are many. At our Orphanage is 125 orphan children dependent upon us for food, clothes and education. Brethren let us come up to the help of the Lord in providing for the children of our dead brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we try to raise 5 cents from every member of our Association during the ensuing year for this purpose.

J. M. Shaver,
E. B. Hendren,
W. R. Childers, } Com.

Report was adopted.

The following Committees were announced by Moderator:

Religious Exercises: W. J. Bumgarner, Isaac Russell, J. J. Lowe.
Nominations: J. L. Gwaltney, A. L. Watts, and Robert Carson.
Digest of Church Letters: J. J. Hendren, S. J. Harrington and W. G. Gryder.
Finance: H. T. Campbell, W. J. Davis, and J. W. Deal.

Visiting brethren invited. Brethren J. H. Mills, of Thomasville Orphanage, W. J. Hopkins, of South Yadkin Association, W. R. Beach and J. J. Beach from Caldwell Ass'n., accepted seats.

Constitution and By-Laws read by J. L. Gwaltney.

On motion the following order of exercises was adopted for this session: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a. m. Business meeting 10 a. m. Sermon 11:30 a. m. Business meeting 1:30 p. m., Adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Hopkins.

October 5th. 1894.

9:30 a. m., prayer meeting conducted by Eld. J. A. Downs. Minutes read and approved. Mt. Olive Church letter was handed in and J. J. Lowe, Isaac Russell and J. W. Pharr, were enrolled as delegates. Visiting brethren were invited and J. M. Jerman of Brushey Mountain Ass'n., accepted seat. Motion by D. W. Pool to advise the churches to select a man to get up means for Orphanage and Foreign Missions and Home Missions as the Word directs, adopted.

Report of Temperance Committee:

Temperance is a Christian grace and one of the fruits of the Spirit and should be cultivated in the hearts of all christians. Intemperance is a monster evil and is slaying its victims by the thousands, annually.

The question naturally arises, What is to be done? We, your committee, suggests that all members of the church abstain from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, and that no one should engage in the manufacturing or sale of ardent spirits for gain. Taking Paul for example, "If I by eating meat cause my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat while the world stands. We also advise that faithful preaching be done, earnest prayers be offered, and church discipline be used along this line. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. Pool.
J. Partee Russell. } Com.,

Addresses on same by Elders D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver, W. J. Hopkins, and Bro. David. Report adopted.

Visiting brethren invited and J. W. West from Caldwell Ass'n., accepted seat. Committee to forward contributions to Orphanage: E. C. Sloan, J. L. Davis and J. W. Milstead.

Report of Committee on Missions:

The command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" must rest with binding force on the Lord's church and people so long as there are souls unsaved in this or any other land. Brethren we should be aroused as we think that, as these moments pass, souls and souls, unsaved, are dropping into the world of the lost. We earnestly recommend that frequent, fervent and earnest prayer be offered that the Lord of the harvest call, anoint, and send forth men of His own choosing into this great harvest field, see Acts, xiii 1-4, men who are willing to deny themselves, become "all things to all men" to save them, 1 Cor. ix, 22, men who are willing, if need be, to labor with their hands that they may preach to lost men, Acts xx, 3, and like the model missionary, Paul, even when it may not be necessary, will work for an example to this mercenary and covetous world. And as the Lord in answer to prayer shall send us such men, let us by our sympathies, prayers and liberal contributions, aid in saving the souls of this lost world.

We recommend the work of Bro. J. M. Shaver along the Catawba river, to the earnest attention of this body. Respectfully,

Com.,

Addresses on same by Elder L. P. Gwaltney; 11:30 sermon by D. W. Pool, text 2nd. Cor. viii. 9; 1:30, continued addresses by Elders W. J. Hopkins, D. W. Pool, C. C. Pool, J. M. Shaver, and W. J. Bumgarner. Report adopted.

Visitors invited and Bro. J. L. Beach of the Caldwell Ass'n., accepted seats.

Committee on Education Report:

That there is a necessity for educating need not be urged; all realize that, but that men and women in all the avocations of life are largely benefitted by a liberal education we fear is not felt by all.

Statistics and history show us that an educated man or woman, educated in the heart as well as the head, is more successful in life, and more useful to his fellow man. We urge, therefore, that our churches

take care that the Schools of their neighborhood be supplied with well qualified Christian teachers. We refer you to the following Schools: Vashti; Taylorsville, in our own county, where facilities are offered for higher instruction. Wake Forest, our denominational College, we would especially hold up as one of the best Schools in the State.

Taylorsville Collegiate Institute we think would be better enabled to meet the requirements of to-day by being Chartered, as the corriculum is to be made equal to College requirements. Also the body of trustees incorporated. We also recommend that at least one collection be taken for the purpose of helping to put a Chemical Laboratory in the School. We would urge upon parents in this Association to give their children a good, practical, Christian education. Resp. Sub.

J. A. White, for Com..

Addresses on same by Elders J. W. White, D.W. Pool and J. B. Pool. Report adopted.

Resolution by J. L. Gwaltney. Lease of School property at Taylorsville to J. A. White for five years, adopted. It was also

Resolved, That this body petition the Legislature of North Carolina, through a committee, to charter our Collegiate Institute at Taylorsville, and duly incorporate the Trustees of said Institute, and that the Chair appoint a committe of three, with Moderator, to prepare said petition and forward the same to the Legislature. The following is the committee: *J.* L. Gwaltney, W. *J.* Davis, *J.* W. Watts, and W. E. *W*hite.

Committee on Periodicals Report:

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully submit: Religious Journals, being an important Educational factor, we recommend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, and Foreign Mission Journal, as worthy of your patronage, and should be used among our brethren and sisters. Also Charity and Children, printed at Thomasville, N. C. devoted to the Orphanage, and The Watchman, printed at Morganton, devoted to Gospel Missions.

J. B. Pool,
J. L. Gwaltney, } Com..

Addresses on same by Elders *J.* B. Pool, C. C. Pool, *J.* A. White, D. W. Pool. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. rayer by Elder *J.* A. White.

October 6th. 1894.

Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. W. R. Beach. Minutes read and approved. Ministers invited and Bro. Hamilton Jerman accepted seat.

Report of Committee on Nominations:

Time of next Ass'n., Thursday before first Lord's day in Oct. 1895.
Place, Pleasant Hill Church.
Introductory Sermon, by J. A. Downs. alternate, R. L. Davis.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—R. L. Davis, J. W. Bowles and John B. Echerd.
Duties to the Poor.—J. P. Gwaltney, W. E. White and J. W. Watts.
Education.—J. A. White, N. T. Campbell, J. J. Hendren.
Sunday Schools.—J. A. Downs, W. J. Davis and E. L. Childers.
Temperance.—L. P. Gwaltney, J D. Mayberry, V. W. Teague.
Church and Past. Relation.—J. M. Shaver, A. Mayberry, W. S. McLeod.
Periodicals.—W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner, J. E. Chatham.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brushy Mountain.—W. J. Bumgarner, C. C. Pool, E. B. Hendren.
Brier Creek.—L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, R. L. Davis.
South Yadkin.—T. A. Hudson, H. Christopher, W. J. Davis.
South Fork.—C. C. Pool, J. M. Shaver, J. A. Downs.
Caldwell.—W. E. White, J. C. Bell, J. M. Shaver.
State Convention.—J. A. White, J. B. Pool.
Southern Baptist Convention.—L. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner.

J. L. Gwaltney,
A. L. Watts,
Robert Carson, } Com.,

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters.

We, your committee, submit the following: There are in this Association fifteen churches, all represented by delegates, but one without letter. Baptized last year, 172; received by letter 33; restored 18; dismissed by letter, 35; excluded, 26; died, 23; number of males, 779; number of females, 1283; total, 2062; Pastor's salaries, $384.75; State Missions, $10.15; Home Missions, $8.15; Foreign Missions, $96.25; Minute Fund, $10.66; Ministerial Education, $12.37; Baptist State Convention, $8; Church Expenses $402.47; Orphanage $19.49. Total, for all objects, $952.29.

J. J. Hendren,
S. J. Harrington,
W. G. Gryder, } Com.,

Address by *J. J.* Hendren. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools:

We note with pleasure the interest taken in Sunday School work, we think that with few exceptions our churches have engaged heartily in the Sunday School work this year. The sphere is one in which both old and young can and should work. In this department of chistian labor, the seed of truth may be sown which will ripen in great good to the church and individuals. We have regular Sunday School and Fifth Sunday meetings. We recommend lesson helps. Com.,

Report was adopted. Discussed Sunday at 10 a. m., by Elders W. R. Beach, *J.* W. Shell, and W. E. White.

Motion by L. P. Gwaltney, and agreed to by the body, that Bro. R. L. Patton, of Morganton, would do more good in home field or State. Adopted.

Motion by D. W. Pool to send all the money on hand to Bro. D. W. Herring in China, and for him to dispose of same to the glory of God, adopted.

Report of Com., on Church and Pastoral Relation:

This subject is one of vital importance to all our churches. Upon a proper solution of this question depends much of the prosperity of Zion. That pastor and people may understand their proper relation to each other and to avoid extreme views, we recommend the careful and prayerful study of the following Scriptures, to wit: Acts xx, 28. 1 Cor. xix. 2 Thess. iii, 9.

W. J. Bumgarner,
E. L. Childers,

Addresses by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver and J. A. White. Report adopted.

Report of Finance Committee:

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report: Received from churches as follows:

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Mission	Home Mission	For'gn Mission
Antioch	$ 1.00	.....	.....	5.93
Bethel	1.64	.....	.....	1.70
Bethlehem	.75	.....	.....	2.25
Concord	.92	.....	.....	.....
Dover	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	1.00	.....	.....	15.05
Little River	.50	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	.65	.....	.....	.85
Mt. Olive	.50	.....	.....	1.73
Pilgrim	.90	.....	.....	3.21
Pleasant Hill	.70	.....	.....	1.57
Poplar Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs	.75	1.65	1.70	.....
Taylorsville	1.00	4.00	4.00	.....
Three Fork	1.50	.....	.....	1.00
Total.	11.81	5.65	5.70	32.29

Grand Total.....$61.95
Two Collections for Orphanage..... 10.20

W. J. Davis,
H. T. Campbell, } Com.

11:30,—Sermon by Elder J. A. White. Text, Psalms cxix, 9

Report of Treasurer:

Eighth Annual Treasurer's report of Alexander Baptist Ass'n.

inute Fund, paid to Clerk	$13.79
orwarded to Treas., Bap., State Con., for Home Miss.,	7.00
aid to Bro. Shaver, for State Miss.	7.00
aid to Bro. J. B. Pool, for Foreign Miss.,	52.42
aid to Bro. Sloan, for College	8.00
or Orphanage	8.48

J. C. BELL, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

1:30,—Printing and distributing of minutes left to Clerk. djourned. Prayer by Elder L. P. Gwaltney. With the consent f the body Moderator appointed J. L. Gwaltney to open and or- anize the next annual session of the Association.

Sunday, October 7th, 1894.

11 a. m. Sermon by Elder W. J. Hopkins. Text, Luke xix, 0. 1:30 Sermon by Elder D. W. Pool. Text, Joshua, xxiv, 15.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Our buried friends can we forget?
Or must the grave eternal sever?
In love they live in memory yet
And in our hearts they live for ever."

LUCY WHITE, wife of Bro. Jonas P. White, and daughter of Joel d Delphia Brown, died at her home on the 2nd day of June 1894, lack- g but a few days of being 73 years of age. She was a member of An- och church and lived a consistent Christian life. Our present Moder- or was her only child.

"In heaven we hope to meet thee
Where no farewell tear is shed."

W. J. B., His.,

BRO. JOHN WATTS was born Nov. 28th. 1816, and died June 24th. 1894. He was old and full of years, and, like a shock of wheat, ready o be garnered. He was a member and deacon of Three Fork Church, pent his life living by example the injunction, "Let your light so shine efore men that they may see your good works. His life was a bene- iction to the church and community. Of him it may well be said, ervant of God—well done.

W. J. B., Historian.

REBECCA ELLEN McLEOD, youngest daughter of Bro. John Watts, and wife of Bro. W. S. McLeod, died March 31st 1894, aged 3 years, 2 months, and 29 days. She gave herself to Christ in girlhood and for 13 years had lived a consistent member of Three Fork church She was a quiet, unobtrusive woman. No tattling or neighborhood gossip ever escaped her lips. Like her father, she lived her faith by a pious walk and a godly conversation before the world. "Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

W. *J.* B., Historian.

Sketch of Session.

The unity of purpose and almost perfect agreement and harmonious action upon all matters considered by the present session was fully up to the high christian standard of the past sessions; and not a single negative vote was recorded upon any question. If any one distinctive doctrine was more prominent in council than others it was that the autonomy of the church be sacredly preserved from the innovations of outside bodies. The devotional exercises were marked by a prevailing sense of deep earnestness and piety, and the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit was manifest. The beautiful October weather, the quiet church resting among the glorious foot-hills of the Brushy Mountain, the unrivalled hospitality of the brethren and friends all united to make the occasion one to be long remembered by all who were present.

W. *J.* B., Historian.

Mt. Olive Church.

Was organized April 7th, 1865, from members of Little River and Walnut Grove churches. The Presbytery consisted of Daniel Welborn Jacob Crouch and Peter Tritt. The church record from the organization up to 1878 has been lost and cannot be given with much accuracy The following brethren have served as pastor, Peter Tritt, James Kerby, L. P. Gwaltney and I. W. Thomas served jointly, *J.* P. Gwaltney, *J.* M. Shaver, D. W. Pool, C. C. Pool and W. *J.* Bumgarner, the last mentioned being the present pastor, having served the church since March 1891. The church is engaged in the erection of a new house of worship, which will reflect honor and credit upon the church and community when completed. The church now numbers 117.

W. *J.* Bumgarner, Historian

TABLES.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
ntioch	J. M. Shaver	Dealsville.	R. S. Austin	Dealsville.
ethel	D. W. Pool	Vashti.	J. E. Gilreath	Vashti.
ethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Dealsville.	V. W. Teague	Bentley.
oncord	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner.	W. D. Gryder	Thurston.
over				
ebanon	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner.	AM Bumgarner	Swanner.
ittle River	C. C. Pool	Partee.	J. W. Deal	Kilby.
acedonia	J. A. White	Taylorsville.	H. Christopher	Thurston.
t. Olive	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner.	J. W. Pharr	Swanner.
ilgrim	JG Wetherman	Grade.	J. D. Mayberry	Grade.
leasant Hill	WJ Bumgarner	Swanner.	SJ Harrington	Vashti.
op. Springs	S. D. Barnes	Boomer.	J. F. Robinett.	Partee.
ulp. Springs	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti.	W. J. Davis	Hiddenite.
aylorsville.	J. A. White	Taylorsville.	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville.
hree Fork	J. B. Pool	Taylorsville.	J. M. Jones	Taylorsville.
	J. P. Gwaltney	York Inst.,		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE.	No. of Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Total.	No of Attendants	Contributions.
ntioch	J. D. Caldwell	Dealsville	50		50	40	1.77
ethel	A. C. Jones	Vashti.	60			50	
oncord	T. P. Lackey	Hiddenite	60			40	
ebanon	A. A. Bumgarner	Swanner	90				
leasant Hill	E. L. Childers	Vashti	67			33	4.00
ulphur Springs.	J. N. Lackey	Hiddenite	37			20	.40
aylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville.	68			38	14.93
		TOTAL	432		432	221	31.10

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, &c.,

Churches.	Church Membership.										Min'te	
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained.	Licentiates	Time of
Antioch	9	2	...	4	...	2	112	164	276	1	2	4t
Bethel	31	6	...	1	...	3	76	148	224	3	...	4t
Bethlehem	14	2	1	...	1	...	53	85	155	1	1	3r
Concord	23	3	...	...	...	...	47	72	119	...	...	1s
Dover.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lebanon	28	7	7	3	...	...	59	68	124	1	...	4t
Little River	20	...	2	2	1	...	52	81	135	...	...	2n
Macedonia	15	1	2	9	6	2	66	140	206	1	...	4t
Mt. Olive	...	4	...	3	...	...	40	76	116	...	...	4t
Pilgrim	...	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	154	1	...	3r
Pleasant Hill	19	1	3	4	8	2	41	88	129	...	...	2n
Sulphur Springs	8	1	...	3	...	5	50	94	144	...	1	3r
Taylorsville	...	2	...	...	...	...	22	24	46	...	...	1s
Three Fork	3	2	1	...	2	6	62	99	162	2	...	3r
Poplar Springs	2	2	2	5	...	2	39	50	91	...	...	1s
Total	172	33	18	35	26	22	719	1189	2081	10	4	

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Other objects.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch	$54.75	$13.45	...	$ 8.08	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	...	$ 78.2
Bethel	75.00	15.00	...	10.48	...	...	$ 1.64	103.5
Bethlehem	25.00	...	...	6.50	...	...	.60	32.1
Concord	25.00	50.00	...	5.63	1.00	...	.92	82.5
Lebanon	...	...	$ 4.50	22.40	...	...	1.00	27.9
Little River	...	...	...	...	...	...	.50	.5
Macedonia	65.00	3.80	1.00	2.40	6.19	1.55	.65	80.5
Mt. Olive	...	225.00	...	2.52	...	...	.50	228.0
Pilgrim	...	65.00	...	3.21	...	...	.90	69.1
Pleasant Hill	30.00	10.00	...	2.43	...	...	.70	43.1
Sulphur Springs	.50	...	1.65	3.74	6.00	1.70	.75	13.3
Taylorsville	60.00	20.22	12.00	5.84	2.30	13.82	1.00	126.1
Three Fork	...	...	...	23.62	3.00	...	1.50	28.1
Dover	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poplar Springs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	335.25	402.47	19.15	91.85	19.49	18.07	10.66	913.3

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Pilgrim Church,

OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1896.

Next Session to be held with Sulphur Springs Church, Alexander County, Beginning on Thursday before the First Lord's Day in October, 1897.

J. J. HENDREN, Moderator, Vashti, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Introductory Sermon.
I. Read Church Letters and Enrolled Delegates.
II. Organization.
V. Appointment of Committees.
. Call on Delinquent Churches.
I. Receive New Churches.
II. Invite Visiting Brethren.
III. Read Constitution and Rules.
X. Report of Standing Committees,
. Report of Other Commttees.
XI. Report of Trustees of U. B. Institute.
XII. Report of Messengers.
XIII. Querries and Requests.
XIV. Clerk's Fee.
XV. Miscellaneous.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1896.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. D. W. Pool. Text, Rom. 12 : 1st. Intermission 50 minutes. At 1 :30 o'clock p.m. the Association assembled, Bro. J. J. Hendren, Moderator, in chair. Prayer by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. Moderator called for Church Letters, and the following churches responded to wit :

ANTIOCH : W. A. Hollar, J. C. Bell, J. C. Munday.
BETHEL : J. E. Gilreath, J. C. Bentley, J. Y. Williams.
BETHLAHEM : M. A. Teague, Morgan Fox.
CONCORD : T. P. Lackey, T. A. Hudson.
LEBANON : T. J. Fortner, Amon Bumgarner.
LITTLE RIVER : Wesley Laws.
LINNEY'S GROVE : J. J. Hendren, J. F. Bowles, Z. W. Lackey.
MT. OLIVE : Isaac Russell, J. W. Pharr.
MACEDONIA : Fredrick Warren, J.G.Stikeleather, J.E.Chatham.
PILGRIM : R. Carson, B. F. Childers, J. M. Querry.
PLEASANT HILL : G. C. Meadows, Wilson Childers.
SULPHUR SPRINGS : W. Jeff Davis, W.M.Lackey, J.N.Lackey.
THREE FORK : J. W. Milstead, J. Walter Watts.
TAYLORSVILLE : E. C. Sloan, Thos. Watts, W. P. Ingram.
POPLAR SPRINGS : J. F. Walker, W. W. Robinett.

On permanent organization Eld. C. C. Pool moved to elect the officers by acclamation, and motion carried, when on motion by Bro. J. C. Bell, that the present incumbents be elected by acclamation and motion carried, and J. J. Hendren Moderator, T. A. Hudson, Clerk, H. Christopher, Treasurer and W. E. White, Historian. The Moderator appointed the following committees :

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES: L. P. Gwaltney, Robert Carson, J. I. Mayberry.

NOMINATIONS: J. E. Chatham, E. C. Sloan, J. W. Pharr.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS: W. J. Davis, J. W. Milstead, T. J. Fortner.

FINANCES: J. C. Bell, J. Walter Watts, Amon Bumgarner, Bro. W. E. White, read Constitution and By Laws.

ORDER OF EXERCISES: Prayer Meeting, 9:30 a. m. Business meeting 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Business meeting 1 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Correspondence invited and Elders I. Holler, A. N. Barker and Bro. L. A. Goforth, from Brier Creek Association accepted seats.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Eld .A. N. Barker.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 1896.

9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. I. Holler. Correspondence invited and Eld. W. A. Myers and Bro. E. E. Hedern from Brier Creek association accepted seats. Committee on missions reported. Addresses on same by Elders, D. W. Pool, J. A. White. 11 a. m. sermon by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Text John 11:21. Intermission one hour. 1 p. m. address on missions resumed by Elders, C. C. Pool and L. P. Gwaltney. Collection for Gospel Missions, $4.86. Report adopted with Resolution connected.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We want to ask every child of God, as in his sight, if you have ever realized the responsibility which the command of our Lord lay upon you (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15, 16.) We desire to emphasize the fact that every christian is under this command, and that we can't possibly evade it nor shift the responsibility to another. Surely as we look upon the millions who are dying without a knowledge of Christ, we will be strongly inclined to obey the master when he says "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest: Luke 10:2. We recommend especially the study of the following scripture: Rom. 12: 1, Acts. 2: 35, Rom. 1:14-15, Cor. 9:20-22. Now, brethren, let us remember that the Holy Spirit alone can impress the truths upon the hearts of christians. He is the teacher and guide—John 14:26, 16:13. We recommend that the churches continue to send their contributions to Foreign Missions direct from the churches, or contribute through the Gospel Mission plan. And we plead with you brethren not to forget the destitutions at home.

D. W. POOL, } Com.
W. J. DAVIS, }

Resolved, That we earnestly request the churches to appoint some tive member in each church to solicit subscriptions to be paid arterly.

Committee on Duties to the Poor report. Addresses on same Elders C. C. Pool, W. A. Myers, J. A. White, I. Holler, D. Pool, and Brethren John E. Myers and W. E. White. Adopt- with this amendment, that the churches choose them 2 or 3 vely members to look after the contributions for Gospel Mis- ons and the Poor Orphans and church members that are not lf sustaining.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Our Savior when he was on Earth had great sympathy and care r the Poor. He was himself poor. He says the foxes have holes and e birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where lay his head. He made his home with the Poor. When his friend azarus died he raised him from the dead. Also the poor widow's n whom they were carrying out to bury, he also raised from the ead. Thus we see that the Lord while here had great care for the oor; therefore we as his followers should help the poor among us ith our prayers and contributions; for He says that he that giveth the Poor lendeth to the Lord, so says Solomon. He says also the oor ye have always with you and whenever ye will ye may do them ood—John 12:8. We therefore urge the Brethren of this Associa- on to look after and care for the poor among them, and not forget help the poor at Thomasville, the Baptist State Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. GILREATH, A. N. BARKER, } Comm.

Committee on Sunday Schools report. Motion to postpone iscussion on same until 10 a. m. Sunday morning, Oct. 4, 1896. eport adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to suggest that their ecessity is no longer debatable, the only remaining duty is to use iem for greatest good to the church, for like all great blessings, iese may be abused. (1) They must yield in importance to the reaching of the word, (2) in the use of human helps we must al- ays give prominence to the fact that the Bible is the only text ook of the Sunday Schools. Submitted.

L. P. GWALTNEY, C. C. POOL, } Comm.

Committee on Church and Pastorial Relation report. Ad- resses on same by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. Report adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORIAL RELATION.

The duties devolving upon Pastors and people are mutual—Neith- r can discharge the obligations without the aid of the other. Shep-

herds must be ensamples to the flock, 1st Peter 5:3. Again it is said of the Savior, when he putteth forth his own sheep he goeth before them. Hence it is expected that the under shepherd should go before the flock in self denyal and in every good word and work. This being the case, how much he needs the prayers and sympathies of his flock, for says Paul, if we have sown to you in Spiritual things is it a great thing that we should reap of your carnal things. Your committee would recommend that both pastors and people study the Scriptures as to their duty along this line.

J. P. GWALTNEY.

Motion by W. E. White that Moderator appoint L. P. Gwaltney to supplement committee on Periodicals. Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder C. C. Pool.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 1896.

9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder C. C. Pool. 10 a. m. correspondence invited when Bro. S. G. Stout, from Brushy Mountain Association accepted a seat.

Committee on Education reported. Addresses on same by Bro. W. E. White and Elder J. A. White. Suspended further addresses until 1 p. m. 11 a. m. sermon by Eld. W. A. Myers. Text, Matt. 12:35. Intermission one hour.

1 p. m. correspondence invited when Bros. S. C. Chapel and A. A. Goodin of Brier Creek Association and Elder A. E. Booth and J. M. Reed of French Broad Association accepted seats.

Report on Education re-read and addresses continued by Elders J. A. White, W. J. Bumgarner, L. P. Gwaltney and C. C. Pool. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

A brief discription of Education as generally understood and accepted by all classes of people, is to develope and cultivate the mental, moral and physical powers of boys and girls; to train their reasoning faculties so that they can accurately distinguish the true from the false, and clearly know right from wrong; to impart to them information that will be of use and value to them in the various conditions and callings of life; to know and appreciate the purpose and grand object of their existence and the duties and obligations they owe to themselves, their fellow beings and their Creator, and have just conceptions of the grand possibilities that lie out beyond their present environments.

The boys need it that they may be thoroughly equipped for prompt and vigorous action when they are brought face to face with the stern realities of actual life, and that, for the want of this preparation, they may not falter under their solemn obligations, or be recreant to the high behests of true and noble manhood.

The girls need it that in the years to come, they may be the un-

crowned queens of the hallowed precincts of home, where woman's charms and grace and tender affections make it a sheltered refuge from trials and temptations, and where woman's love is the guiding star of all within her gentle domain.

When such high and worthy purposes are to be accomplished and such noble ends to be attained, the means are certainly worthy of the most earnest consideration.

The sovereign State of North Carolina places within the reach of the most humble parents the means of obtaining for their children the rudiments of a practical elementary education and next to the sacred influences of home and church, the neighborhood school-house should be the pride and joy of its patrons, where the sunny hours of childhood may be passed under the very best of influences, and make it a sweet memory to them in after years, instead of, as it too often is a scene of wrangling and discord trying to see that the kinsman of which committeemen can grab the salary that the State so generously provides.

The free Schools must be sustained because they afford facilities that connot be procured otherwise and give results that cannot be obtained in any other way and because a free people cannot afford to be ignorant.

Passing beyond this elementary stage we are glad to say that means of further advancement are still within the reach of the humbiest boy or girl who will only try.

The Trustees of the United Baptist Institute are under the guidance and patronage of this body and the great and almost paramount importance of sustaining this home institution is apparent to the most casual observer.

Its efficient and the character of the results alreadv accomplished ought to be a source of gratification and pride to every citizen living within the scope of its influence and its work even to the minutest detail should be generously provided for and its sphere of usefulness enlarged. It is now a chartered institution, under the laws of the State, has power to confer diplomas and certificates of merit. Its work already done in this line is of superlative merit and young men or young ladies need not look beyond this institution except for instruction of the very highest grade.

W. E. WHITE, For the Committee.

Committee on Temperance report. Addresses on same by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, C. C. Pool, A. E. Booth. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: We are all bound to admit that Intemperance is one of the greatest evils with which we as Christians have to contend.

It furnishes a vast majority of the cases of our courts; it fills our jails, penetentiaries, and alms houses, in short, it carries death and ruin in its train. In view of all the evil wrought by this trafic, can any Christian conscientiously lend his aid to it in any way? We would recommend that earnest and faithful preaching be done along

this line. We would further suggest the careful and prayerful study of the following scriptures: Prov. 20:1; Hab. 2:15; 1st Cor. 8:13.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. BUMGARNER, Chairman.

Committee on Periodicals report. Addresses on same by Elders D. W. Pool, C. C. Pool. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee recommend to those desiring information along the lines of Baptist work, the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the denomination in the State. Charity and Children representing our Orphanage work; The North Carolina Baptist and American Baptist Flag, for which Rev. E. David of Taylorsville is agent. These are all excellent Religious Journals. We earnestly commend to our brethren interested in Gospel Mission work Our Missionary Helper—Decatur, Ga.—as a great factor in this work. L. P. GWALTNEY.

Committee on the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute report.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF U. B. INSTITUTE.

We are glad to report that your Institution which you have placed in our hands in trust is in a prosperous condition. Under the present management each year has been better than the preceeding, indicating a prosperous and healthy growth.

The scholastic year of 1895 & '96 had larger attendance than the preceeding and there was graduated three of the students.

The present scholastic year has opened with very encouraging prospects having a larger enrollment for the present time than any previous session.

The Needs of the Institution: The financial condition of the Institution is good, some outstanding claims having been liquidated during the past year.

We believe that your School is the best equipped of any in the Piedmont region, a library is being founded and we believe its efficiency can be increased by endowment and increased facilities for laboratory work.

We commend the very able and efficient work of the faculty and feel confident that it will compare favorably with any Institution of similar grade anywhere.

W. E. WHITE, Chairman.

Motion by Bro. W. E. White for the Ministers to solicit contributions for College and pay over to J. L. Gwaltney, Sec. & Treasurer. Adopted with motion added.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters report. Adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association 16 Churches, all represented by delegates except one (Dover) Received during year by experience and

ptism, 164; Letter, 34. Restoration, 10. Total, 208. Dismissed ring year by Letter, 40; excluded, 12; erasure, 1; death, 18; Total . Gain of membership, 93. Total membership, 2295, taking the port of Dover of last year. Church expenses, $824.05; State Mis- ons, $13.80; Home Missions, $12.00; Foreign Missions, $81.83: inisterial Education, $14.51; Orphanage, $18.31; Minute Fund. 3.97; Total, (Pastors' salary not reported) $978.47.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. J. DAVIS,
T. J. FORTNER,
J. W. MILSTED,
} Comm.

Committee on Finance report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received from the various Churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	Minut Fund.	Past Salr.	Chrc. Expn	State Misn.	Assn Misn	Forn Misn	Orph anag	Total.
ntioch,	1.55					5.01		$ 6.56
ethel,	1 80				2.95	4.83		9.58
ethlehem,	.65					1.10		1.75
oncord,	.70							.70
over,								
inney's Grove,	1.00					5.68		6.68
ebanon,	1.00					7.80		8.80
ittle River,	.85							.85
lacedonia,	.95			.85		.60		2.40
t. Olive,	.35					.75		1.10
ilgrim,	.70				1.10			1.80
leasant Hill,	1.15							1.15
oplar Springs,	.42							.42
ulphur Springs	.80					5.75		6.55
aylorsville,	1.00					5.00		6.00
hree Fork,	1.10							1.10
Total	$13.92			.85	$4.05	36.52		$55.34

J. C. BELL,
J. W. WATTS,
AMON BUMGARNER,
} Comm.

Committee on Nominations report. Adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Time of next Association—Thursday before the First Lord's ay in October, 1897, at 11 a. m.

lace—Sulphur Springs.

ntroductory Sermon—By J. A. White, alternate, C. C Pool.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ducation—J. A. White, J. L. Gwaltney, V. W. Teague.

Periodicals—R. L. Davis, J. Y. Williams, J. C. Bell
Temperance—D. W. Pool, W. E. White, W. M. Lackey.
Church and Pastorial Relation—L. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, T. J. Fortner.
Missions—J. P. Gwaltney, C. C. Pool, H. Christopher.
Duties to the poor—J. B. Pool, W. S. McLead, J. W. Watts.
Sunday Schools—W. J. Bumgarner, J. A. Downs, W. R. Childers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brushy Mountain—W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool.
Brier Creek—L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney.
South Yadkin—R. L. Davis, D. W. Pool.
South Fork—J. M. Shaver, C. C. Pool.
Caldwell—J. A. Downs, W. E. White.
State Convention—J. A White.
Southern Baptist Convention—J. C. Bell, J. L. Gwaltney.

E. C. SLOAN, J. W. PHARR, J. E. CHATHAM, } Comm.

Treasurer's Report. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tenth Annual Treasurer's Report.

Received of Finance Committee	$86.72
Collection Sunday Association	7.76
Total	94.48

Paid T. A. Hudson,	$12.48
" J. M. Shaver,	7.76
" J. B. Bostic,	73.14
" J. D. Bushel,	10.00
Total	$103 38

Received since last Association from Bethel	$7.11
" Antioch	1.61
" Concord	1.00
" Macedonia	2.64
" Lebanon	11.00
" J. Walter Watts	20.00
Total	$43.36

Paid to R. L. Patton for Mrs. Blalock, $43.36.

H. CRISTOPHER, Treasurer.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1896.

10 a. m. Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool. Addresses on Sunday Schools. Report by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, C. C. Pool.

11 a. m. Sermons by Elder A. E. Booth and W. A. Myers. Text, Mark 5:18-19-20, and Cor. 5:10.

Collection for Orphanage $5.89.

T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

J. J. HENDREN, Moderator, Vashti, N. C.

PILGRIM CHURCH.

[HISTORIAN'S WORK.]

THIS Church had an organization originally as "Big Spring" hurch two or three miles northeast of the present Church, but as ie records are lost nothing certain is known of this organization xcept as is remembered by the older brethren now living that its rigin was only a few years previous to the organization of "Pilrim" church in 1837 on the first Saturday in April with the followng original members as near as can be ascertained from the records: ohn Redmon, Jane Redmon, Howell Barker, Ephraim Cook, Richrd Hendren, Samuel Culler, Richard Davidson, Anna Brack, Anna inger, Edward Chaffin and perhaps a few others.

John Redmon was made a deacon and died in May following at an dvanced age. The church was named "Pilgrim" by Howell Barker ho died in 1847 at the age of 96 beloved and honored by all.

Edward Chaffin was clerk and Pastor until Robert G. Martin was lected clerk in April 1838 and continued until he was succeeded by oseph H. Younger in August 1854. Younger was clerk until 1862, hen he was succeeded by Litten Millsaps, who was succeeded by Davis W. Mayberry in Sept. 1883, who continued until Nov. 1889, hen he was succeeded by the present incumbent, J. D. Mayberry.

In the pastorate, the dates of election and succession was about s follows: Edward Chaffin was pastor to Nov. 9, 1839, then Zachariah B. Adams until Dec. 1, 1849, W. J. Chapel and J. B. Green to August 1852, W. J. Chapel with Wm. Pool assistant to Oct. 1857. Wm. Pool to March, 1861. Jacob Crouch to 1863. R. W. Wooten to Oct. 1868. Wm. A. Pool to Nov. 1869, when he was succeeded by C. C. Pool. The records are indefinite as to time change from this until Aug. 1881, but J. B. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool were pastors during this period, then L. P. Gwaltney to Aug. 1885. D. W. Pool to Oct. 1891. J. G. Weatherman to Dec. 1894. J. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool to Feb. 1896. L. P. Gwaltney present pastor.

In 1852 the Sons of Temperance agitation wrought dissention in the Church and John B. Green and wife, Lee Williams and wife, G. W. Rowe, Abner Chenault, Richard Davidson, Arena George, Mary Redmon, Caroline Howell, Sarah Campbell, Elizabeth Redman and others were excluded for belonging to that order.

W. R. and J. P. Gwaltney, now ministers of high standing, were originally members of this church.

The church is now in a thriving condition.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDREW BENFIELD, Born Aug. 25, 1853. Married Caroline Munday. Joined Antioch church Aug. 1893, and lived a consitsent member until his death, April 21, 1896.

WILLIAM S. TEAGUE, Born Jan. 22, 1821. Married Hannah Oxford Feb. 4, 1841. Joined Macedonia church 1847. Transferred

his membership to Antioch church in 1881. Died Dec. 10, 1895. He was to some extent a public man. Kind and friendly in disposition, with hospitable welcome to all.

JOSEPH MILSAPS, Born in 1816. Joined Pilgrim church in 1852. Died June 12, 1896. He was one of the Landmarks of his church and community, and lived an unblemished christian life.

JAMES F. RUFTY, Born in 1862. Married Mary E. Mayberry. Joined Pilgrim church in 1888, and died July 19, 1896. A Sunday School worker. There seemed before him the promise of an active, useful life, but when the vistas of the other shore dimly appeared he was resigned and willing to go.

ANDREW CULBERSON WATTS. Born April 11, 1824. Married Elizabeth McRay Jan. 31, 1844. Joined Liberty church in 1847. Was a member of Three Forks church at the time of his death, Dec. 24, 1895. He was known far and wide as a friend of the poor and unfortunate. He was genial and kind and pre-eminently social in disposition.

MARCUS HERMAN, Born Feb. 9, 1824. Married in 1850 to Harriet R. Echord who died, and was married again in 1878 to Mary A. Echord, He was brought up and lived in the Lutheran fath until 1886 when he became a member of Three Forks church and was ordained a deacon the same year. Died July 3, 1896.

W. D. GRYDER, Died Sept. 12, 1895. Age 21 years, 4 months and 2 days. He was clerk of Concord church when he died. He was a consistant, exemplary member for six years and a bright and shining light in his community.

The work of the Historian has to be very much abridged for want of space, and he hopes the funds at next session will be generous enough to give the space the importance of the work demands.

W. E. WHITE, Historian.

DOVER CHURCH LETTER.

We send as Messengers Brethren P. C. Downs, M. L. Pennel and W. D, Mooney. Membership : Received by Letter, 4; Restored, 1; Died, 2. Number of Males, 53; Females, 72; Total, 125. Pastor, C. C. Pool, post office, Partee; Clerk, P. C. Downs, post office. Downsville. Time of preaching, 4th Sunday.

Ordained Ministers, 1, A. M. Pennel, post office, Avila.

Minute fund, 85 cts.

Received and approved by the church in confernce, Sept. 26, 1896.

P. C. Downs, Church Clerk.

Rev C. C. Pool, Pastor and Moderator.

PASTORS AND CLERKS WITH POST OFFICES.

Churches.	Pastors.	P. O.	Clerks.	P. O.
Antioch	J M Shaver	Dealsville	R S Austin	Dealsville
Bethel	D W Pool	Vashti	J E Gilreath	Vashti
Bethleham	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	V W Teague	Bentley
Concord	C C Pool	Partee	D F Gryder	Thurston
Lebanon	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	A M Bumg'n'r	Swanner
Little River	J M Shaver	Dealsville	J W Deal	"
LinneysGrove	J P Gwaltney	York Inst't	J J Hendren	Vashti
Macedonia	J A White	Tayl'rsville	H Christopher	Thurston
Mt. Olive	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	J W Pharr	Taylorsville
Pilgrim	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	J D Mayberry	Grade
Pleasant Hill	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	S J Harington	Taylorsville
Poplar Spring	J B Pool	Tayl'rsville	J F Robinett	Partee
Sulphr Spring	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	Wm. J Davis	Hiddenite
Three Forks	"	"	A L Watts	Taylorsville
Taylorsville	J A White	Tayl'rsville	E C Sloan	"

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP &c.

Churches.	Baptized	Recd by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordnd Minstrs	Licentiates	Restored	Time preachin 50
Antioch,	11	2	1			97	136	236	1		1	4th
Bethel,	11		11	2	2	82	137	219	3	1		4th
Bethlehem,	16	2		2	1	58	104	162	2			1st
Concord,	18					48	64	112				2nd
Lebanon,	34	1	2			67	88	155	1		2	4th
Little River,	7	3	1			62	86	160			1	
Linney's Grove,	11	7				18	33	51				3rd
Macedonia,	19	4	7	6	4	69	149	218	1			4th
Mt. Olive,	4	3	3			45	79	124				4th
Pilgrim,	5	1	2		3			142			3	
Pleasant Hill,		3	5			40	85	125				2nd
Poplar Springs,		1				38	48	87				2nd
Sulphur Spring	4	4		2	4	55	93	148	1		2	3rd
Taylorsville,	14	1	3		4	80	100	190			1	1st
Three Fork,	10	5	1			30	36	81				1&2
Total	154	37	36	12	18	779	1238	2210	9	1	10	

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Ministerial Aid.	Total.
Antioch		$12 25	$	$	$8 51	$	$1 55	$	$22 31
Bethel				2 95	11 44	8 00	1 80		24 19
Bethleham					1 15		.60	8 76	10 51
Concord	33 25				1 00		.70		34 95
Lebanon					18 80		1 00		19 80
Little River				2 00			.85		2 85
LinneysGrove		254 00			5 68		1 00		260 68
Macedonia	60 00	6 30	3 85		3 24	2 57	.95	.75	77 66
Mt. Olive					.75		.35		1 10
Pilgrim					1 10		.70		1 80
Pleasant Hill					1 61		1 15		2 76
Poplar Spring							.42		
Sulphr Spring	116 07	5 50	2 00		5 75	6 00	.80		136 12
Three Forks		500 00			20 00		1 10		521 10
Taylorsville	125 00	46 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 74	1 00	10 00	198 74
	334.32	925.05	10.85	9.95	84.02	18.31	13.97	19.46	1314.57

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendent	Post Offices.	No. of Scholars.	Off. & Teachers.	No. of Attend'c.	Contributions.
Antioch,	W A Holler	Dealsville	50			
Lebanon,	J M Fortner	Swanner	117	2		
Little River,	J W Watts	Tayl'rsville	76	2	38	.87
Linney's Grove,	J J Hendren	Vashti	83	6	46	
Macedonia,	O W Triplett	Tayl'rsville	68	4	40	
Poplar Springs,	J N Pool	Partee	50	2	30	
Sulphur Spring	H B Thomas	Hiddenite	30	4	15	
Taylorsville,	E C Sloan	Tayl'rsville	78	7	46	11.45

Total collections for all objects of Taylorsville Church, $248.92.

NOTE. On page 11 in Table of Church Membership the words Taylorsville & Three Forks are inverted, so that the figures for Taylorsville are opposite Three Forks and those of Three Forks opposite Taylorsville. Printer.

est an only religious authority established by Christ in the earth Matt 18:17. When an association, therefore, assumes legislative powers it becomes extra-sciptural to say the least, and dangerous, as all past history will show. Along this line we would suggest that an association may encourage industry, wealth and education, yet to so foster any or all of these as that they shall be regarded as the spear-point of our work and a part of our organic life is but sooner or later to secularize the church and to lean on these as a basis of success instead of the Word and Spirit of our blessed Lord. We urge our brethren to earnest care along this line. The object of an association, then, is for counsel—to promote unity, love and good works along scriptural lines, and for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the hearts of men.

L. P. Gwaltney.
O. A. Keller.

Committee on Periodicals report. Addresses on same by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, R. L. Davis, J. M. Shaver, and M. P. Matheny. Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

We need wholesome and informing literature in our homes that we may counteract the influence of the pernicious literature of our day and that our people may know of the opertunities for doing the Lord's will and service in the best possible way. On the work of the Southern Baptist and State Conventinos, the Biblical Recorder appeals to the people. On Gospel mission principles and work the Southern Bapt., of Charlotte, and Missionary Helper, of Decatur, Va.. give all needed information, while Charity and Children tells of Thomasville Orphanage and N, C. Baptist is a fine exponent of temperance principles

W. G. Bumgarner.

Committee on Education report. Addresses on same posponed until I, P. M. 11, A. M. Sermon by Elder W. A. Myres, Text, Mathew 12, to 34, 35. Intermission 1½ hours. 1, 15, P. M. Education resumed. Addresses on same by Elders J. A. White; A. F. Sharpe, J. J. Beach, and M. P. Matheny. Report adopted.

Forks, J. M Jones, W. S. McLean, and J. W. Milstead. Taylorsville, E. C. Sloan, W. L. Beach, and V. W. Teague. Dover, C. L. Sherrill, Rufus Pennel, and M. G. Haltsclaw. On permanent organization, Moderator appointed Brother M. P. Matheny and W. M. Goforth, tellers, when W. E. White, Moderator, T. A. Hudson, Clerk, H. Christopher, Treasurer, Walter L. Beach, Historian, were elected. Moderator appointed following committees: Religious exercises, Elder J. P. Gwaltney, J. A. L. Campbell and J. C. McLean. Nominations, A. Mayberry, W.W. Teague and George Z. Bumgarner. Finance, E. C. Sloan, J. W. Milstead, and W. F. Baker. Digest of church letters, A. C. Ganes. S. J. Harrington, and J. W. Pharr. Delinquent churches called on to report when Elder D. W. Pool moved that the delinquent churches be excused and motion carried. Correspondents invited when Elders, M. P. Matheny, of Buncombe Co. association, E. L. Weston, of South Yadkin, W. A. Myres, G. W. Brown, N. G. Sloan, S. S. Goforth, W. M. Goforth, I. Holler, of Brier Creek, J. S. Bridges, of South Fork, Thomas Campbell, and J. J. Beach, of Brushy Mountain Associations accepted seats. Bro. J. L. Gwaltney, read Constitution and By Laws, Order of business: Prayer-meeting, 9. A. M. Business meeting: 9.30 A. M. Preaching: 11, A. M. Business meeting: 1, P. M. and adjourned at will. Committee on devotional exercises, made announcements. Adjourned, prayer by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

Friday, September 29th, 1899-9, A. M.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder O. A. Keller. Correspondents invited. Elder W. C. Meadows and A. T. Pardue, of the Brushy Mountain association accepted seats.

Committee on the object of an association, reports. Addresses on same by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, M. P. Matheny, J. A. White. Report adopted.

An association as an advisory council finds a precedent in Acts 15, where a body composed of minister and laymen met to settle the mooted question of circumcision in relation to Gentile churches If it be urged that this body was legislative, sufficient answer would be, it was compposed mainly of inspired men and the counsel given did not apply to Jewish churches and in no sense did it interfere wtih scruples of conscience. Then an association of uninspired men could never by this precedent be a court of appeal because it is simply a creature of the churches and not the churches creatures of the Association, the church being the high-

Order of Business.

1. Introductory Sermon. 2. Read church letters and enroll messengers. 3. Organization. 4. Appointment of committees. 5. Call on delinquent churches. 6. Receive new churches. 7. Invite visiting brethren. 8. Read constitution and rules. 9. Report of standing committees. 10. Report of other committees. 11. Report of U. B. C. Institute. 12. Report of messengers. 13. Queries and request. 14. Clerk's fee. 15. Miscellaneous.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Bumgarner, Swanner, N. C.; W. R. Childers, Taylorsville, N. C.; L. P. Gwaltney, Vashti, N. C.; J. P. Gwaltney, York Institute, N. C.; O. A. Keller, Dealsville, N. C.; A. M. Pennel, Anilla, N. C.; C. C. Pool, Partee. J. B. Pool, Taylorsville, N. C.; D. W. Pool, Vashti, N. C.; J. M. Shann, Dealsville, N. C.; O. W. Triplett, Taylorsville, N. C.; J. A. White, Taylorsville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, September, 28th., 1899.—11, A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Reach. Text Luke 10: 30. Intermission, 1¾ hours. 1.15. P. M. The association was called to order by T. A. Hudson, Clerk, and asked Bro. W. E. White to act as moderator, protem, until permanent organization. Church letters called for when following churches responded, to wit: Antioch, J.A Cline, G.W. Caldwell, and W. E. White. Bethel, A. C. Jones, J. E. Gilreath, and W. S. Hendren. Bethleham, W. W. Teague, W. F. Robinson, and James Cline. Concord, W. C. Pierce, and T. A. Hudson. Island Ford, L. L. Sherrill, and John Deal. Lebanon, J.W. Chapman, W. F. Baker, and George Z. Bumgarner. Litte River, P. J. Barnes, F. W. Brookshire, and J. W. Deal. Linney's Grove, J. A. L. Campbell, J. C. McLain, and J. F. Baker. Mt. Olive, J. Partee Russell, M. K. Deal, and J. W. Pharr. Macedonia, J. H. Hammer, C. M. Fincannon, and J. C. Warren. Pilgrim, J. C. Millsaps, A. Mayberry, and J. M. Query. Pleasant Hill, S. J. Harrington, T. M. Kerley, and W. V. Mitchell. Poplar Springs, H. C. Barnes, C. B. Bumgarner, and J. A. Robinet. Sulphur Springs, Pool Blankenship, J. L. Davis, and J. R. Gwaltney. Three

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Churches.	Pastors Salary	Church Ex.	State Mis.	Home Mis.	Foreign Mis.	Gospel Mis.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Asso. Mis.	Minis'l Aid.	Total.
Antioch	45.00	13.00			5.00	10.00	7.44	1.10			81.64
Bethel					13.18	10.20	2.15	1.35	2.15	12.50	41.53
Bethlehem					3.80			.80			4.60
Concord	25.00			.40			.43	.45			26.28
Dover	45.00							1.00			46 00
Island Ford											
Little River								.50			.50
Lebanon		200		15.25		19.05		1.25		8.90	244.45
Linneys Grove		13.36			9.38		1.73	.75			25.04
Macedonia	57.00	12.00		3.36		18.70	3.36	1.00		4.02	99.46
Mt. Olive					4.72			.55			5.27
Pleasant Hill	36.00				7.50			1.10		9.00	53.60
Pop'ar Springs	48.00				5.47		1.68	.75			55.87
Pilgrim					1.73			.85			2.58
Sul'ar Springs	25.00		5.00		24.40		5.43	.55			60.38
Three Forks	70.00	13.00			5.66			1.25			89.91
Taylorsville	75.00	24.25	5.00	5.00	5.00		2.00	1.10		2.66	120.00
Total	$436	75.71	10.00	24.01	89.84	57.95	24.21	14.35	2.15	35.07	957.19

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPT.	P. O.	No. Schollars.	No. Teachers.	Av'ge Atten.	Contri's.
Bethel	D. Williams	Vashti			40	
Bethlehem	W. W. Teague	Bentley	50		32	
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner	Swanner	105		74	
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney	York Institute	45		32	
Macedonia	J. E. Chatham	Taylorsville	65	5	38	
Popiar Springs	G. Z. Bumgarner	Partee	86		40	
Sulphur "	W. W. Lackey	Hiddenite	40		25	
Three Fork	J. M. Oxford	Partee	103		66	$1.25.
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville	80		48	25.00.

Donated by Mr. Harmon D. Reed,
Pinch Knob, N. C.

Minutes

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALEXANDER COUNTY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Linney's Grove Church

September 28, 29 & 30,

1899

W. E. White, Avilla, N. C., Moderator.

T. A. Hudson, Taylorsville, N. C., Clerk.

Next session will be held with Lebanon Church, Alexander County, beginning on Thursday before the 1st. Lord's Day in October, 1900.

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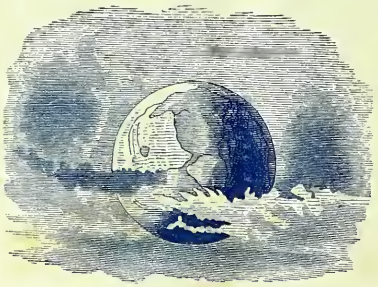

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FINANCAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCES.	Pastors' Salary	Church Expences	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Asso. Missions	Ministerial Aid	Total
Antioch,	$50.00	$60.85		.50	$2.65			$1.35			114.85
Bethel,						9.63	$3.32	1.[illegible]	4,35		18,64
Bethlehem,		11.00				3.10		.60			14,70
Concord,	25.00		.83	.35			.42	.45			27,05
Dover,								.70			,70
Island Ford,								.25			,25
Lebanon,						30.00		1.35			31,35
Linney'sGrove	25.00	30.40			4.82		1.93	.75			62,90
Little River,								.65			,65
Macedonia,	30.00	12.65	1.80			2.10	3.60	1.10		4,35	55,60
Mt. Olive,	40.00	18.00			1.41			.85			60,26
Pilgrim,						1.80		.70			2,50
Pleasant Hill,		9.35				3.00		.85			13,20
Poplar Springs											
SulphurSpring			6.64		11.25		12,56	.70			31,15
Three Fork,					3.45			1,20	4,05		
Taylorsville,	150.00	17.48		5.00	5.00	6.20	1.41	1,25		14,70	201,04
Total	320.00	159.73	9.27	5.83	36.58	55.83	22.94	14.09	8.40	19.90	634.84

the carrying of the news of salvation to the women of China, who are socially debarred from hearing the gospel except through women.

Brethren from other Associations were present whose names the Clerk has recorded, and their words of counsel and cheer were most highly appreciated.

The brethren and sisters of Little River Church were equal to any in the land in kindness and unbounded hospitality to all who shared their generous provisions for comfort and entertainment. The weather was propitious until Sunday Morning when lowering clouds and some showers of rain kept some away, but later in the day they vanished and a large crowd attended worship.

IN MEMORIAM

Laura E. Munday wife of G. F. Munday, and daughter of J. C. and Mary Munday, was born Feb. 5. 1874. She professed faith in Christ and joined Antioch Church when she was about fifteen years old. She was married October 1893. After a protracted illness she departed this life Sept. 9. 1898 leaving a husband and one child, with many relatives and friends who mourn for her.

L. C. Grider wife of W, G. Grider. whose maiden name was Hoyle, was married Nov. 5. 1871, joined the church at Macedonia in the year 1873 and afterwards moved her membership with her husband to Concord church where she remained in fellowship, living an exemplary Christian life until the present year when the Lord took her because He had need of her. She leaves a husband and six children who mourn for a loving wife and mother.

The Historian regrets that the presenting of the history of Little River Church will have to be deferred until next Association for two reasons: First, The early records, prior to 1822 are lost and will have to be supplemented by other records of the same time and by tradition. There different accounts must be carefully compared and verified which the Historion connot now do in time for publication in the present minutes. Second: If this could be done, the minute funds in the hands of the Treasurer are not sufficient to cover the expense of printing such a record as Little River Church ought to have as the oldest in the territory of the Association.

W. E. White.

TWELFTH ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee, $77,69.
Received of J. Walter Watts, $20,00.
Total, $97,69.

Paid T. A. Hudson	$15.02
" Gospel Missions	78,64
" State Missions	1,80
" Home Missions	4,05
" To balance on hand	1,00
Total,	$100,62

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Benediction by Elder I. Oxford.

J. J. HENDREN, Moderator, Vashti, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

SUNDAY OCT. 2nd. 1898, 10 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. O. W. Triplette. Sunday Schools discussed by Elder W. F. Comer, Brothers Wilson West, Maynard Beach and Elder J. M. Shaver. 11 a. m. Sermon by Elder I. Oxford, Text Daniel ii. 44. Collection for associational missions $3,42. Adjourned Benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

The Association tenders its many thanks for the very kind hospitality to the Church and vicinity during its session &c.

HISTORIANS WORK.

Sketch of Session.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The Psalmist's exclamation most vividly describes the annual gatherings of the brethren of the Alexander Association; because there are no negative votes recorded. And this unity of purpose and action is not the result of indifference, for there is work done. The "Deacon Headstrong" spirit just simply has no chance to show up in the councils of faith and humility.

The missionary, spirit was stimulated and encouraged by earnest talks and contributions. The presence of Sister Blalock and her descriptions of the benighted and downtrodden condition of the people and especially of the women where she has been laboring, moved the brethren and sisters to generously aid her and her husband and all other missionaries in their consecrated and self.denying work. She made one talk to the sisters separate and apart from from the brethren, upon matters concerning

O. W. Triplette, O. A. Keller.

EDUCATION—J. A. White, J. J. Beach, J. C. Bell.

PERIODICALS—W, J. Bumgarner, R. L. Davis, J. M. Shaver.

TEMPERANCE—J. J. Beach, J. H. Hendren, V. W. Teague.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION—Wm. W. Teague, D. W. Pool J.M. Fortner

MISSIONS—J. M. Shaver, O. W. Triplette, J. W. Watts.

DUTIES TO THE POOR—J. P. Gwaltney, W. R. Childers, O. F. Pool.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. J. Hendren, E. C. Sloan, Jno. Echard.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brushy Mountain—W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner.

Brier Creek—L. P. Gwaltney, J. Y. Williams.

South Yadkin—J. P. Gwaltney, Wm. Lackey.

South Fork—H. Christopher, G. W. Hefner.

Caldwell—J. M. Shaver, J.C. Bell.

State Convention—J. A. White, E. C. Sloan.

Southern Baptist Convention—O. A. Keller, J. B. Pool.

Wm. W. Teague.
J. E. Gilreath,
J. E. Chatham. } Com

Committee on Finance make the following report Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Recieved from various Churches as follows:-

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Total.
Antioch,	1.35			1.60	3.00
Bethel,	1.34		1.85	9.63	12.82
Bethlehem,	.60			3.10	3.10
Concord,	.45				.45
Dover,	.70				.70
Island Ford,	.25				.25
LinneysGrove,*	.75			4.82	7.50
Lebanon,	1.35			30.00	31.35
Little River,	.65				.65
Macedonia,	1.10			2.10	3.20
Mt. Olive,	.84			1.41	2.25
Pilgrim,	.70		1.80		2.50
Pleasant Hill,	.85			3.00	3.85
Poplar Spring,					
SulphurSpring,	.70			11.22	11.92
Taylorsville,	1.25				1.25
Three Fork,	1.20			3.45	4.65
Total,	$14.08		$3.65	$70.38	$90.04

*Baptist Orphanage, $1.95.

Respectfully Submitted, A. L. WATTS, J. L. DAVIS, } Com.

Treasurer's Report. Adoped.

Addresses on same by Elders J. F. Davis, L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, W. S. McLeod. Adopted.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters. Report adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association 17 churches. Received during the year by experience and baptism 66. By letter 34. By restoration 3. Total, 103, Dismissed by letter 37. Excluded 19. Deaths 15. Total 71. Membership 2284. Decrease 122. Church expenses $155,13: State Missions $17,84: Home Missions $5,00, Foreign Missions, $77,46, Ministerial Education $4,35. Orphanage $22,76, Minute Fund $14,08,

Four churches report a total salary of $145. Sunday school expenses $16, 60, Bible Society $2,00. Six churches report Sunday Schools with 413 pupils enrolled.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Watts.
W. S. McLeod.

Committee on Sunday Schools. Report to be discussed Sunday at 10: a. m.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We were made glad by the cheering report of so many churches in this work. The Sunday School ought to be the Church at work: the great work of studying God's Word, we are commanded to "search the Scriptures" for in them do we find the eternal truth of God. This work we commend to all of our churches and pastors as worthy of best efforts and most sincere prayers as a great auxiliary in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. A. White. for Com.

Report of Trustees of United Baptist Institute. Adopted.

REPORT OE TRUSTEES OF U. B. INSTITUTE.

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W. E. White,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Committee on Nominations report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We the committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report.

TIME OF NEXT ASSOCIATION—Thursday before 1st Lord's day in Oct., 1899.

PLACE—Linney's Grove. Introductory sermon Rev. J. J. Beach, Alternate Rev. O. W. Triplette.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION?—L. P. Gwaltney,

missionary from China. Furthur addresses postponed until afternoon. Collection for Sister T. L. Blalock. $11 42. 11: a. m. sermon by Elder W. A. Myers, text 1 Samuel iii. 13.

1 p. m. Visiting brethren invited, seats accepted by Elder J. H. Booth, of South Yadkin association, and Bro Maynard Beach of Caldwell association. Discussions on missions continued by Elders D. W. Pool, and J. A. White, Adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

By the term missions is meant New Testament evangelization. It may be unfortunate that these terms were ever changed. Our authority for this work is based on Matt. 28, go teach, baptize, in Mark 16. The extent of this duty is urged; commensurate with our ability and needs of our fallen race.

The plan of doing this work is indicated in Luke xxiv. 47, "Beginning at Jerusalem" also in Acts i. 8. To us "Beginning at Jerusalem" may mean the work around us known as state or associational missions, this work in the past has been done in two ways (1st.) By organized effort, in this way much has been accomplished especially in towns and cities and in some instances in the country as well.(2nd) By individual effort, in this work our fathers went forth planting gospel churches in all this Piedmont or Western section of our state expecting their reward mainly in the life to come. By Samaria is meant our duty to those among and contiguous to our great country—The Indian Mexican &c. This is called Home Missions "The uttermost parts of the Earth" certainly enjoins upon us Foreign missions, as China, Brazil, Japan and all nation whose doors are open to the gospel.

To become a true missionary involves (1st) A call of the Spirit, Acts xiii 2. (2nd) Guidance by the Spirit, Acts xvi. 6–10. The only earthly authority to be ackhowledged being the church Acts xiv. 27. The only perfect model in this work is the Lord Jesus. The key note of which is expressed in John xvii: 18, next to Him the life and labors of Paul afford a most striking example. We would emphasize (1st) his condescension in 1 Cor. 9–22. (2nd) Zeal Rom. i: 15, also Rom. ix: 3, (3rd) Self denial Acts xx: 34, 2 Thes. iii: 8,. Something like this must move us if we be successful in this great work and to encourage all of God's children to pray for and give liberally to this God given work. We invite careful attention to Phil. iv: 50. May the Spirit of the Lord mightily increase the interest now felt among us and especially in the work now about to be resumed by Bro. and Sister Blaylock in the interior of China. China the great yet China the lost!

J. M, Shaver
L. P. Gwaltney } Com.
V. M. Teague

Committee on Duties to the Poor. Report as follows:—

The Lord Jesus Christ said "The poor ye have always with you" The Apostles made special provision for the poor at Jerusalem.

We have at Thomasville, N. C. an Orphanage in which about 160 children are fed, clothed, educated and trained to work as well as thrown under religious influence.

These children are to be supported by the Baptists of the State. Brethren let us realize the full weight of our responsibility and come to the help of the orphanage as the Lord requires.

J. F. Davis
W. P. Ingram } Com.
W. S. McLeod

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Is it not a fact that character is to a great extent formed by the books and periodicals we read? and, if so, should we not be as careful in the selection of what our children read as in the company they keep? We urge our people to take The Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., Charity and Children, Thomasville, N. C., the North Carolina Baptist, Fayetteville, N. C. also our Missionary Helper, Decator, Ga. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. Pool,
Wm. W. Teague. } COM.

Correspondence invited and Elder I. Oxford of Caldwell association accepted seat. Committee on temperance report, address on same by Elders J. A. White, W. J. Bumgarner, Bro. J. C. Bell, Elder J. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Myers, Adopted,

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the strongest barriers to the advancement of Christ's kingdom on the earth is the bane of intemperance. It is fortified by intrenching itself behind a great money power. There is naught that can overthrow it but the Divine might. God uses us as instruments. Let us bring the word of God to the people and stop the power of this blighting curse, 1 Cor. 8: 13. Rom. 14: 24.

Respectfully Submitted.
J. A. White

Committee on church and pastoral relation report, address on same by Elders J. P. Gwaltney, I. Oxford, J. J. Beach, J. F. Davis, Adopted,

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION.

Your committee fears that the people have a very slight conception of this very tender relation. The relation of the pastor is set forth as a shepherd of the flock, (Acts xx, 28-29.) (John xxi. 15-16.) It is the pastor's imperative duty to feed the flock with the sincere milk of the word, "rightly dividing the word of truth." And in regard to the mutual duties and obligations of church and pastor to each other we refer you to 1 Cor. viii, and references on it. Your committee would sincerely ask the preachers to make better pastors and the people to do more in supporting this work, "Giving to the Lord's cause according to the Lord's plan."

J. P. Gwaltney,
J. J. Beach. } Committee.

Committee on devotional exercises made announcements Adjourned prayer by Elder J. A. White.

Saturday Oct. 1, 1898, 9,30. a. m.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder W. T. Cromer, Committee on missions report, Addresses on same by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, J. J. Beach.

W. J. Bumgarner, read a letter from Elder T. L. Blaylock

Visiting brethren invited; Elders W. A. Myers, of the Brier Creek association and James F. Davis, of the Three Fork association accepted seats.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Bro. W. E. White. Vacancies were filled in standing Committies.

ORDER OF EXERCISES—Prayer Meeting 9;30 a. m. Business Meeting at 10: a. m. Preaching at 11: a. m. Business Meeting at 1: p. m, and adjourn at will.

Motion by Elder D. W. Pool, that the report on Mission be postponed until Saturday 10: a. m.

Adjourned Prayer by Elder W. A. Myers.

Friday Sept. 30, 1898, 9: 30. a. m.

Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. Wm. W. Teague the Moderator opened the door of the association when Island Ford church presented a letter and was received with Messengers: Avery Stewart, and John Hoke as Messengers. Visiting brethren invited and Bro. John Russell of the Brushy Mountain association and sister Blaylock of the China Gospel Mission, accepted seats.

Committee on Education report. Discussion on same by Elders J. J. Beach, J. A. White, D. W. Pool.

Adopted,

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Realizing that one of the great needs of our country and denominations, at the present day, is improvement in Education; your committee would urge our people to use every advantage in their reach to prepare themselves and their children for the duties of life. In this day of error and false doctrine, if Baptists would keep pure the Gospel and Doctrines of Christ they must meet and overcome error in every form. Then let us, brethren, educate in the things of this life, in the history and doctrines of the Baptist Church. So that at all times we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

We would ask the brethren of this association to support the schools in this immediate section and especially we would recommend The Taylorsville Collegiate Institute.

COMMITTEE.

11: a. m. Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney, Text, Psalms xxxiv: 6.

1: p. m. Visiting brethren invited and Elder W T. Cromer, of Brier Creek association and Bro. Wilson West, and J. C. Brookshire of Caldwell association accepted seats. Committee on periodicals report, address on same by Elders D. W. Pool Wm. W. Teague, J. F. Davis, J. A. White. Adopted.

PROCEEDINGS.

Little River Church, Thursday Sept. 29, 1898.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. P. Gwaltney: Text, Matthew, xvi. 6.

1. p.m. The Association was called to order by Bro. J. J. Hendren, Moderator, prayer by Elder James F. Davis. Churches represented as follows:

ANTIOCH: R. S. Austin, W. A. Hollar and J. W. Watson.

BETHEL: J. E. Gilreath and J. Y. Williams,

BETHLEHEM: D. A. Brinkley, Wm. W. Teague, Gere Fox

CONCORD: W. G. Gryder, A. M. S. Gryder, T. A. Hudson.

LEBANON: J. M. Fortner, A. M. Bumgarner, M. C. Davis.

LINNEY'S GROVE: J. J. Hendren, J. C. McLain, and C. J. Gwaltney.

LITTLE RIVER: J. B. A. Ellis, F. W. Brookshire, B. C. Deal

MOUNT OLIVE: J. P. Russell, J. W. Price, J. W. Pharr.

MACEDONIA: J. E. Chatham, G. Hammer, W. R. Teague.

PILGRIM: J. C. Millsaps, J. P. Brewer, J. W. Mayberry.

PLEASANT HILL: S. J. Harrington J. I. Jolly, J. E. Campbell.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: B. F. Steel, J. L. Davis, W. V. Lackey.

THREE FORK: W. J. Harrington, A. J. Blankenship, A. L. Watts.

TAYLORSVILLE: E. C. Sloan, Thos. Watts, W. P. Ingram

DOVER: P. C. Downs, W. M. Chapman, H. C. Johnson.

On permanent organization Elder J. A. White, moved to suspend the rules and elect the present incumbents by acclamation, Motion carried and J. J. Hendren Moderator, T. A. Hudson, clerk, H. Christopher, treasure and W. E. White historian.

Moderator appointed the following Committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—J. M. Shaver, N. J. Walker and Elisha Bebber.

NOMINATIONS—Wm. W. Teague, J. Gilreath, J. E. Chatham,

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS—W. S. McLeod, Thomas Watts and R. S. Austin.

FINANCE—A. L. Watts, T. J. Fortner, and J, L. Davis.

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Next session will be held with Linnies Grove Church, Alexander County, beginning on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1899

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, &c.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Recd by Letr	Dism by Ltr.	Excluded.	Died	Males	Females	Dotal	Ordnd Minst	Licentiates	Restored	Time of Preaching
Antioch, . . .	9	3	5			97	141	236	1			4th Sunday
Bethel, ...	7	1	8		2	81	135	216	3	1	1	"
Bethlehem, . .	19	5	2	6		72	106	179			1	1st
Concord, . . .	13		1			53	64	117				2nd
Dover, ...	16		5		3	60	78	138			3	4th
Lebanon, . . .			1	7		58	87	145			1	"
Little River, .	4		1			65	87	152				3rd
Linney's Grove,	14	2				29	38	67	1			"
Macedonia, . .	21	1	12	1	4	77	151	228	1		4	4th
Mt. Olive, . .	2	7				49	83	137			5	"
Pilgrim, . . .	13		4	1	3			148			1	"
Pleasant Hill, .	10	1	1	2	2	40	77	117				2nd
Poplar Spring,	19				2	51	58	109			3	2nd
Sulphur Spring,	8	2	1		1	58	99	157			1	3rd
Three Fork, .	8		1	1		83	104	187			2	1st
Taylorsville, .	7	12	1		2	32	41	73	1			1st
								2406				

Total Membership.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintend't	Post Offices	No of Schollrs	No of Teachr's	No of Atndts	Contributions
Antioch,	W. A. Holler	Dealsville, N. C.	43		28	
Bethel,	E. B. Hendren					
Bethlehem,	Wm W Teague	Bentley, "	54		25	
Concord,	T P Lackey	Hiddenite, "	33		30	
Dover,*						
Lebanon,	J M Fortner	Swanner, "	82		53	
Little River,*						
Linney's Grove,	J J Hendren	Vashti, "	96	9	41	.90
Macedonia,*						
Mt. Olive,*						
Pilgrim,	W H Smith	Grade, "	71		34	
Pleasant Hill,	W W Gryder	Cedar Run, "				
Poplar Springs*						
Sulphur Spring,	Wm M Lackey	Hiddenite, "	35		25	
Three Fork,*						
Taylorsville,	E C Sloan	Taylorsville, "	81		46	18.20

*No Report.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary	Church Expences	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Ministerial Aid	Destitute	Total.
Antioch,	$36.00	$13.70	$	$	$	$4.16	$	$1.30		$	$55.51
Bethel,						10.22		1.50			11.72
Bethlehem,								.75			.75
Concord,	32.00		1.54	.32				.70			34.76
Dover,		8.45						1.00			9.45
Lebanon,						14,20		1.15			15.35
Little River,						2.00		.60			2.60
Linney's Grove,	30.00	14.00		3.00		4.10	1.79	.75		6.49	53.64
Macedonia,	40.00	49.72	1.55		5.05		1.93	1.05			105.79
Mt. Olive,						1.74		.87			2.61
Pilgrim,						1.20		.60			1.80
Pleasant Hill,								.70			.70
Poplar Springs,								.50			.50
Sulphur Spring,			1.00			9.00		.85			10.85
Three Fork,	70.00		4.05	4.05		4.05		1.30		9.52	92.97
Taylorsville,	150.00	35.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	1.40	5.75		212.15
Total	358.00	120.87	12.14	12.57	5.05	55.67	8.72	15.02	5.75	16.01	611.15

ice during life. He also served that church as a deacon from his ordination till ath. His modest unassuming manners, his kind and benevolent disposition and s faithful and exemplary walk as a christian were his distinguishing characteristics

SKETCH OF SESSION.

If any characteristic more than another should mark this session from its predessors it would be the fact that preachers and laity were talking with praise and ankfulness of the unusually gracious revivals in nearly every church in the ssociation; and all seemed edified and strengthened to go forward in the Master's ork. All sympathized with Bro. C. C. Pool in his severe sickness and earnest rayers were offered for his recovery.

The discussions, talks and sermons were all interesting, edifying and entertaing, and all seemed in almost perfect harmonious accord and unity of fellowship.

Bro. E. F. Tatum, returned missionary from China, gave interesting talks conrning his experiences and travels in that far off land: told of the customs, manrs, and characteristics of the people with whom he had labored for eight years: xhibited a large missionary map of the world, showing in a comprehensive and raphic manner the religious status of the present age of the world. He also reached on Sabbath.

Bro. J. B. Boone represented the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville and his rnest talks and sermons were calculated to kindle the fires of charity afresh in e hearts of all his hearers.

If any part of the work of the Association seemed to lag more than another, it as the cause of Education. Let us hope, however, that this seeming abatement ill be followed by a wave of enthusiasm that will carry it to success even beyond ur expectations.

Fearing that he will exceed his space again the Historian here rests from his abors, leaving these matters of great importance as moral and religious factors mong us as a people, barely touched upon.

W. E. WHITE,
Historian.

PASTORS AND CLERKS WITH POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES	Pastors.	Post Offices.	Clerks.	Post Offices
Antioch, . . .	J M Shaver . .	Dealsville, N C	R S Austin . .	Dealsville N C
Bethel, ...	D W Pool . .	Vashti, "	J E Gilreath .	Vashti "
Bethlehem, . .	W J Bumgarner	Swanner, "	Wm. W Teague	Bentley "
Concord, . . .	C C Pool . . .	Partee, "	D F Gryder . .	Thurston "
Dover, ...	"	"	P C Downs . .	Downsville "
Lebanon, . . .	W J Bumgarner	Swanner, "	A M Bumgarner	Swanner "
Little River, .	J M Shaver . .	Dealsville, "	J W Deal . . .	Kilby "
Linney's Grove,	J P Gwaltney .	York Institute	J J Hendren .	Vashti "
Macedonia, . .	J A White . .	Taylorsville, "	H Christopher	Thurston "
Mt. Olive, . .	A T Pardue . .	Wilkesboro, "	J W Pharr . .	Taylorsville
Pilgrim, . . .	W T Combs . .	Lovelace, "	J D Mayberry .	Grade "
Pleasant Hill, .	W J Bumgarner	Swanner, "	S J Harrington	Taylorsville "
Poplar Spring,	A M Pennell .	Avilla, "	W L Crouch .	Partee "
Sulphur Spring,	L P Gwaltney .	Vashti, "	Wm. Jeff Dryis	Hiddenite "
Three Fork, .	"	" "	A L Watts . .	Taylorsville "
Taylorsville, .	J A White . .	Taylorsville "	E C Sloan . .	"

when he was succeeded by L. P. Gwaltney who is still pastor. W. M. Lackey, Thos. Hudson, Jr, J. R. Gwaltney, J. N. Lackey, W. P. Ingram, S. G. Stout were ordained as deacons. Of these Hudson, Ingram and Stout have removed their membership to other churches. The original deacons, Thos. Hudson Sr. and A. Lackey havd been called home. J. L. Davis served as Clerk for eighteen years. He was succeeded by W. P. Ingrim, who served until Feb. 1892, then W. J. Davis and B. Hines temporarily. W. M. Lackey was elected in May 1892 and served until May 1894 when W. J. Davis was elected who still serves.

Elders J. P. Gwaltney and I. W. Thomas were ordained to the ministry in this church. The splended edifice now used for worship was completed in 1886 some 200 yards southwest from the location of the original one. It is an excellent building and on a beautiful location. May its rays of spiritual light long illumine the land.

IN MEMORIAM.

ELDER STEPHEN MEDLOCK Died during the past year at the advanced age of 92 having been a mintster of the gospel for over 60 years.

He was, perhaps, a representative type—and the last to go home—of those faithful ministers who were the immediate successors of the very first or pioneer prenchers of this country. They were self-denying men, who labored for their daily bread, and preached for their Master without thought of compensation in money. Faithfully and nobly their work was done and the numerous Baptist churches that dot this loved land of ours are their undying monuments, but in eternity alone will the full results of their work be measured.

Bro. Medlock expressed his thoughts a short while before his death to a brother minister, "I am sitting here and waiting for the summons." He was a splendid specimen of physical manhood, and could and did ditch as well as preach.

STEPHEN HOLSCLAW Was a worthy member and deacon of Dover Church who died within the last year. The Historian has been unable to obtain his record.

EVALINE PRICE, CYNTHIA M. PRICE AND LAVINA A. BENFIELD—Three sisters, daughters of Maurice and Elizabeth Price, all departed this life during the past year. Evaline was born Dec. 29, 1827,—joined Antioch church July 24, 1847—was afterwards member of Charity and then of Bethlehem,—died Feb. 13, 1897. Cynthia was born Aug. 18, 1829— joined Antioch Oct. 1856 afterwards Charity and Bethlehem—died Dec. 17, 1896. Lavina was born July 29, 1832, joined Antioch in early youth and was afterwards member of Charity and then Bethlehem —married to Johnathan Benfield Nov. 21, 1852—died January 17, 1897. Her husband died in army service during the late war. The sisters were pious and industrious and each of them maintained an excellent christian character.

LOLA ELLEN PENNELL Daughter of F. and Anna Pennell was born Feb. 18, 1868, joined Poplar Spring Church Aug. 1873 and shortly afterward took her letter to Dover Church where she was always punctual in attendance upon church meeting days and faithful in all christian duty. She died Aug. 8, 1897.

W. A. GILLILAND Was received into fellowship of Sulphur Spring church from Kidds Chapel, Catawba Co., N. C. on June the 20, 1896 and died Nov. 3, 1896.

WILEY JONES CHILDRES, JABEZ A. CHILDRES, Sons of William Childres, were victims of the dread scourge— consumption. Wiley died May 23, 1897; aged 25. Jabez died May 1, 1897, aged 23. Each one died in the most glorious triumphs of the Christian faith.

HENRY MORGAN JULIAN Was born September 4, 1826 and died December 30, 1896. He joined the church at Antioch in 1847 and was clerk of that church

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brushy Mountain—J. M. Shaver, J. W. Parr.
Brier Creek—L. P. Gwaltney J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
South Yadkin—D, W. Pool, J. A. White.
South Fork—J, J. Beach, J. M. Shaver.
Caldwell—J. C. Bell, H. Christopher.
State Convention—L. P. Gwaltney.
Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Pool, E. C. Sloan.

J. D. MAYBERRY,
W. O. HENDREN, } Comm.
J. M. ADAMS,

ELEVENTH ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee, $55.34.

Paid T. A. Hudson Minute money	$13.92
" J. B. Boon	5.76
" J. A. Downs,	1.10
" R. Lee Davis,	2.95
" J. B. Bostich.	43.58
" Ivey Allen, Orphanage,	5.88
Paid Postage	.16
Total,	$73.35

Received since last Association	
Three Fork Church, State Mission,	$2.40
Macedonia Church, "	1.55
" Foreign Misns.	5.05
Total,	$9.00

Balance on hand, $2.95

H. CHRISTOPHER, Treas.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3RD, 1897, 10 A. M.

Addresses on Sunday Schools by Elds. J. M. Shaver, O. W. Triplett, E. L. Weston and Brother W. J. Sloan. 11 A. M. Sermon by E. F. Tatum. Text, Rev. I, 11, followed by J. J. Beach. Text, John, XIV, 2. Collection for Associational Missions divided between J. M. Shaver and O. W. Triplett.

J. J. HENDREN, Moderator, Vashti, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

HISTORIAN'S WORK.

SULPHUR SPRING CHURCH

Was organized on the third Saturday of October, 1867, by a presbytery consisting of Elds. James M. McNeill, J. Harvey West, J. B. Greene and R. L. Steel, with the following original members, to-wit: J. L. Davis, C. Drum, D. Clary, Miles Clary, Thos. Hudson, Sr., A. Lackey; and sisters M E Davis, L Lackey, Louisa Lackey, Lina Hudson, Sarah Davis, Mary Durmire, N E Drum, D C Sharpe, N M Clary, Karen Clary, Adeline Hudson, Nancy Hudson, Susan Lackey, C M Lackey, Elizabeth Hudson Jemima Hudson.

The Articles of Faith were the same as those of the Churches composing the United Baptist Association. Thomas Hudson and A Lackey were chosen deacons, and J L Davis was elected church clerk.

The Pastorates of the church have been as follows: R L Steele from the organization to 3rd Saturday, September, 1868, then W A Pool until February, 1873, R L Steel again until December, 1873, then R L Steel and W A Pool jointly until Dec, 1874, R L Steele until September 1875, L P Gwaltney until September 1876, Geo. W Greene until August, 1877, W A Pool until October, 1882, J B Marsh until February, 1884, J P Gwaltney until August, 1889, W A Pool until September, 1891

Committee on Sunday Schools report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report on Sunday Schools: The Sunday School as an auxiliary of the church in the hands of and in the care of the church fills a very important place. And we need to give greater encouragement to the work, by calling the attention of all churches and church members to their duty in attending the schools and trying to get all persons interested in the work and make the Sunday School a greater power for God's cause than it has ever been. Respectfully Submitted,

Wm. W. TEAGUE, CH.,
W. R. CHILDERS,
A. M. PENNELL,
} Comm.

Report of Trustees of United Baptist Institute. Adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF U. B. INSTITUTE.

The school is in a prosperous condition and has made a high reputation under its present management that is extending, and the brethren of this Association ought to uphold and sustain the work.

The school building must have a new roof and the Trustees have directed me to ask the churches for aid. This work must be done immediately or the building will be seriously and perhaps permanently injured.

If this school should fail or even be seriously impaired, the educational interests of our beloved land will receive a set-back that years and years will not over come.

W. E. White,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Queries and Requests. Adopted.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS

Query by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney—Will the association receive churches organized outside of county limits?

Answered by W. E. White—This association will gladly welcome any church organized anywhere within the range of its influence, to fellowship and co-operation in christian work.

Motion for Clerk to have 400 copies of Minutes printed and distribute same, pay all expences and keep ballance of Minute fund to pay him for his trouble. Motion carried.

Committee on Nominations report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report
TIME OF NEXT ASSOCIATION—Thursday before 1st Lords day in Oct., 1898
PLACE—Little River church. Introductory sermon by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney
Alternate Rev. J. J. Beach.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION—J. B. Pool, R, L. Davis, W. E. White.
PERIODICALS—D. W. Pool, W. W. Teague, J. W. Pharr.
TEMPERANCE—J. A. White, W. J. Bumgarner, J. C. Bell.
CHURCH & PASTORAL RELATION—J. P. Gwaltney, J. J. Beach, J. W. Watt
MISSIONS—L. P. Gwaltney, V. W. Teague, J. M. Shaver.
DUTIES TO THE POOR—J. L. Gwaltney, E. C. Sloan, W. P. Ingrim.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—C. C. Pool, W. M. Lackey, J. E. Gilreath.

Committee on Missions report. Addresses on same by Elds. D. W. Pool, J. J. Beach. J. M. Shaver and Bro. W. E. White Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Our Mission work is divided into Foreign, Home, State or Associational missions, the Foreign work in China and other Foreign lands. China being the field in which our people are now taking most interest—we beg leave to remind our brethren that in addition to the missionaries there sustained by the Boards, we have 17 missionaries in the interior of that dark land sustained directly by the churches. These certainly with all others demand our prayers and liberal contributions. The Home work is chiefly in Cuba and among the American Indians. State and Associational mission work, are now blended into one work—this work has been affected in the past and must be done in the future by men who (1st) must be called by the Holy Spirit—See Acts 13—1 to 4 (2nd) Guided by the Spirit, Acts, 16, 6 to 10, Acts 8—26. Peter's version, Acts, 10—10. (3rd) Great self denial, Acts, 20—35. On this principle, and in this spirit, the great work of this country has been accomplished. Now, Brethren, it is certainly the duty and privelige of the churches to share the responsibility and burdens of this glorious work. See 3rd John, 7 and 8 verse, Phill. 4—16 verse.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. P. GWALTNEY, }
H. CHRISTOPHER, } Comm.

Resolved, That we, as an Association, earnestly advise the churches to appoint some live member or members to solicit contributions for the various benevolent objects.

D. W. POOL.

Committee on Finance report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received from the various Churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Antioch,	$1.30			$ 5.30	$ 6.60
Bethel,	1.50			10.22	11.72
Bethlehem,	.75				.75
Concord,	.70				.70
Dover,	1.00				1.00
Linney's Grove,	.75			4.10	4.85
Lebanon,	1.15			14.20	15.35
Little River,	.60			2.00	2.60
Macedonia,	1.05				1.05
Mt. Olive,	.87			1.74	2.61
Pilgrim,	.60			1.20	1.80
Pleasant Hill,	.70				.70
Poplar Springs,	.50				.50
Sulphur Spring,	.85			9.00	9.85
Taylorsville,	1.40			5.00	6.40
Three Fork,	1.30	$1.81	$4.05	4.05	11.21
Total,	$15.02	$1.81	$4.05	$56.81	$77.69

Respectfully Submitted,

J. E. CHATHAM, }
J. J. KELLER, } Comm.
T. J. FORTNER, }

11 : A. M. Sermon by Eld. D. W. Pool, text John 10 :4. 1 : P. M. addresses on Temperance continued by Elds. D. W. Pool, L. P. Gwaltney, O. W. Triplett, E. F. Tatum of China. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is certainly one of the greatest of evils and one of the most difficult with which we have to contend. There has been a great deal said and written on the subject and yet the Modern Moloch has his altars erected in our midst. The liquor traffic is still blighting and corrupting the youths of our land, and we fully believe that God wants His people to take a firm stand against this evil.

We earnestly believe in the principle taught by Paul 1 cor. 8, 13 and Rom 14, 21. While we realize that God's people should not aid in any way in the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, still we would warn the drunkard of the fearful responsibility that rests upon him, both in blighting his life in this world and in the world to come meeting the wrath of God.

Now Brethren we realize that this evil must be met by God's help and through human instrumentality. Therefore we would insist on the different churches of the association to take a stand for God and for the right. May God save us from this curse.

J. J. BEACH for Comm.

Committee on Pastoral and Church Relation report. Addresses on same by Elder L. P. Gwaltney. Report adopted.

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATION.

Your committee would earnestly recommend to the prayerful attention of the churches of this Association the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians verse 7—14 as clearly setting forth their duty to their pastor. "Who goeth a warfare at his own charges?" If governments feed, clothe and pay soldiers to defend them by killing and destroying, what do we owe God's messengers of peace? verse 7. What are gold, silver, lands, when compared with our souls and the eternal interests of our children? verse 11. Brethren, how can we longer treat with indifferenc a subject to which, while not a profession, we owe more than to any profession on earth? verse 12. Let the truth illustrated by God's ancient law and enforced by his decree, burn itself into our lives and actions, verse 9—14.

Pastoral duties are parental in 1st Timothy 3—5. An analogy is shown between a family and a church also 2nd Corenthians 12—14, also this relation is maternal in 1st Thess. 2—7. The pastor is required to be an unselfish servant of the flock for Christ's sake, Acts 20:33, 34; 1st Peter 5:2, Phillipians 4:17. The apostle settles the true idea of the attitude of ministers to the financial question, "not that we desire a gift, but Fruit that may abound to your account." How often we lose sight of this great truth. May the Spirit of the Lord awake us all to this most important duty, which in the judgment of your committee underlies all effective church work.

COMMITTEE.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association 16 churches, all represented by delegates.

Received during the year by experience and baptism, 170. By Letter, 48. Restoration, 22. Total, 240. Dismissed by Letter, 49. Excluded, 14. Deaths, 19. Total, 82. Membership, 2406. Gain of Membership, 111. Church expenses, $136.28. State Missions, $13.14. Home Missions, $12.57. Foreign Missions, $61.72. Ministerial Education, $5.75. Orphanage, $8.72. Minute Fund, $15.02. Pastors' Salary as reported, $358.00, Total, $611.20. Pastors' Salary not all reported.

Respectfully Submitted, W. P. INGRAM, J.E. GILREATH, R. C. CLARY, } Comm.

icals report. Address on same by Elds. J. B. Boon, D. W. Pool. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It has been said "Give me a child until it is ten years old and you can have it the rest of its life." If this be so, then it is important to give them good training. Perhaps there is nothing outside the Bible that has so much influence upon a family as the weekly visits of a good religious paper. We would recommend the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., the price of which has recently been reduced to $1.50 per year; Charity and Children, Thomasville, N. C., $1.00 per year; the North Carolina Baptist, Fayettville, N. C., $1.00 per year; our Missionary Helper, Decator, Ga., monthly at 50 cents a year.

Respectfully Submitted.

R. D. DAVIS, For Comm.

Committee on Education reports. Addresses on same by Elds. J. B. Boon, J. J. Beach and E. L. Weston. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This year has been marked by unusual discussions on the subject of education. Our people have been discussing this important subject. There is more thought being given the subject. This is hopeful. Not until men begin to think and discuss a subject is there any probability of their acting.

Education should engage every parent and guardian of our country earnestly to consider ways and means of discharging their great responsibility to their children or charges in educating them.

No parent has provided for his child well and wisely who has not to the utmost of his ability educated his children. We would therefore, urge upon our pastors frequently, from the pulpit, if need be, to teach the people the need and power of a Christian education.

We believe our public schools can be made more efficient by the people's co-operation and interest on the part of parents.—Let there be in every community a Baptist church and close by a school house—And then for higher education our higher School.

We rejoice in the fact that we are not one whit behind the most progressive in our higher grade Institutions. We have our Wake Forest as high as the highest for our boys, our great Denomination College; and scattered all over the State Baptist Schools of high grade. In our midst we have the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, the property and the Management of which is vested in you, It is your school. Let us rally to its support.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. WHITE.

Motion by Bro. W. E. White that Wm. W. Teague and A. M. Pennell be added to the committee on Sunday Schools. Committee on Devotional Exercises made anouncements. Adjourned. Benediction by Eld. D. W. Pool.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897, 9:30 A. M.

Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. J. M. Shaver. 10: A. M. the Association assembled. Correspondence invited, and Brethren W. L. Beach, Mainard Beach, J. L. Beach, of Caldwell association, and Bro. A. D. Goodin, of the Brier Creek association, accepted seats. Committee on Temperance report. Addresses ne by Elds. J. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, J. A. White. rrived for preaching, further discussions postponed until

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—L. P. Gwaltney, J. L. Davis and J. C. Thomas.
NOMINATIONS—J. D. Maybery, W. O. Hendren and J. M. Adams.
DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS—J. E. Gilreath, R. C. Clary, W. P. Ingram.
FINANCE—J. E. Chatham, J. J. Keller and T. J. Fortner.
ORDER OF EXERCISES—Prayer Meeting 9:30 A. M. Business meeting 10: A. M., Preaching 11: A. M. Business meeting 1: P. M. and adjourned at will.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Elder L. P. Gwaltney. Motion by Brother W. E. White that J. J. Beach be added to the Committee on Temperance, also that Elder J. B. Boon be added to the Committee on Duties to the Poor. Motion that the Report on Temperance be postponed until 10 A. M. Saturday. Correspondence invited and Elder J. B. Boon, of the Thomasville Orphanage, accepted seat. Committee on Devotional Exercises made anouncements. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. J. Beach.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1897, 9: 30 A. M.

Prayer Meeting conducted by Elder O. W. Triplett. 10 A. M. the Association assembled. Motion by Bro. W. E. White, that Taylorsville be allowed to amend her Church Letter. Bethlehem Church Letter brought forward with following delegates, Moses Teague, Knox Fox and Wm. W. Teague. Committee on Duties to the Poor report. Addresses on same by Elders J. B. Boon and L. P. Gwaltney. Roport adopted. Collection for Orphanage, $7.83.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., is designed to take care of the poor orphans. The institution is intended to take care of the orphans of the entire State; and it offers its benefits to all those who properly belong to be looked after.

There are now present 154, and a large number of applications. The new Central Building has been completed, and was occupied the 7th day of last June. This gives an increased capacity for orphans and our number will be soon increased to 175 or 180. This, of course, calls for increased contributions. This class of the poor calls aloud for our help.

We recommend that every Church in this Association take a collection for the Orphanage, at least, once a year, and that our Sunday Schools give one collection a month to this object.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. BOONE, For Comm.

11: A. M. Sermon by Eld. J. B. Boon, Text, Matthew XXV: 33 & 34. Recess one hour.

1: P. M. the Association assembled. Correspondence invited, when Brethren, J. B. Holman, J. E. Turner, E. S. Millsaps and E. L. Weston of South Yadkin asssociation accepted se[illegible] Little River Church Letter handed in with following delegat[illegible] W. Deal, P. J. Barnes and N. J. Walker. Committee on r[illegible]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

I. Introductory Sermon.
II. Read Church Letters and Enrolled Delegates.
III. Organization.
IV. Appointment of Committees.
V. Call on Delinquent Churches.
VI. Receive New Churches.
VII. Invite Visiting Brethren.
VIII. Read Constitution and Rules.
IX. Report of Standing Committees.
X. Report of other Committees.
XI. Report of Trustees of U. B. Institute.
XII. Report of Messengers.
XIII. Querries and Requests.
XIV. Clerk's Fee.
XV. Miscellaneous.

PROCEEDINGS.

SULPHER SPRING CHURCH, THURSDAY, SEPT. 30, 1897.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. A. White. Text, Exodus, XIV : 15.

1 P. M. the Association was called to order by Bro. J. J. Henlren, Moderator, prayer by Elder J. B. Boon. Moderator called for Church Letters and the following churches responded, to wit :

ANTIOCH : J. A. White, J. J. Keller and S. P. Watson.
BETHEL : J. E. Gilreath, W. O. Hendren, N. J. Smith.
CONCORD : W. G. Gryder, T. P. Lackey and R. C. Clary.
LEBANON : T. J. Fortner, M. R. Bumgarner and D. S. Fortner.
LINNEY'S GROVE : J. J. Hendren, J. M. Adams and J. F. McLain.
MT. OLIVE : J. W. Pharr, R. E. Smith and M. K. Deal.
MACEDONIA : J. E. Chatham, W. R. Teague and W. B. Gant.
PILGRIM : J. D. Mayberry, C. L. Millsaps and J. P. Brewer.
PLEASANT HILL : Wilson Childers, Z. Blackwelder, J M. Childers
SULPHER SPRINGS : W J Davis, H B Thomas T L Blankenship.
THREE FORKS : J. W. Watts, Jno. W. Watts, Willie Milstead.
TAYLORSVILLE : W. P. Ingram, Jas. Davidson, W. J. Sloan.
POPLAR SPRING : W W Robinett, J F Walker, C B Chapman.
DOVER : Walter Robinett, Jas. Pennell and H. C. Johnson.

On permanent organization Elder J. P. Gwaltney moved to suspend the rules and elect the present Incumbents by aclamation. Motion carried and J. J. Hendren was elected Moderator, T. A. Hudson, Clerk, H. Christopher, Treasurer and W. E. White, Historian.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eleventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

ALEXANDER COUNTY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

—HELD WITH—

SULPHUR SPRING CHURCH,

SEPT. 30th, & OCT. 1st, 2nd and 3rd ,1897

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Next Session will be held with Little River Church, Alexander County, Beginning on Thursday before the First Lord's Day in October, 1898.

J. J. HENDREN, Moderator, Vashti, N. C.
T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

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EDUCATION.

In considering the matter of Education, it is important that we understand it to be of the widest significance, embracing the entire process of transmitting an entire form of community life to the next generation.

In this sense, the term Education is much broader in meaning than the intellectual discipline carried on in the school-room. It is wider and more important in meaning. It includes in a general way all that goes to make any particular person or people what he or it becomes, whether in savage or civilized life. But what we are especially concerned about is, Education in the school room. Christian Education in the school is different from merely mental training alone in our schools. Christian Education means that the spirit and the purpose of the Christian religion presides over and dominates the whole educational process. Culture is infused with the Christian spirit and both the method and the matter are controlled by the religious spirit of Christianity. If this is true, we would urge employing only those who are really Christians to teach our children. "Like teacher like pupil" is an adage full of truth. We rejoice at the increased interest in the bounds of our association in the geneaal diffusion of knowledge and in common as well as our high schools. Every year makes a step in advance. Let us look well to our common schools, see that they are taught by well informed Christian men or women. We would commend for higher education your own school, the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, owned and controlled by Alex. Co. Baptist Association; also Prof. A. F. Sharpe's school, at Hiddenite and also Prof. J. J. Beach's school at Moravian Falls as worthy of your confidence and patronage and above all, we rejoice in our great Baptis Colleges- Wake Forest for our boys, the Baptist Female University for our girls. We have the schools, we have the boys and girls; let us fill these Institutions.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. White.
A. F. Sharpe.
A. J. Beach.

Committee on Temperance report. Addresses on same by Elders J. J. Beach, J. H. Hendren, E. L. Westor, and brother T. B. Campbell. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee ask that the churches of their association take a stand against the liquor trafic in all of its phases and exclude those from their fellowship who make, sell, or drink, as a beverage. We ask that our pastors speak out on this subject and educate their people on bible temperance and go before and lead the flock of God. Brethren, the time for cowardice on this subject has passed. Let us go foward.

J. J. Beach
J. H. Hendren.

Motion, by J. J. Beach, that the report on missions be made the special order for 10 o'clock, A. M., Saturday, Sept. 30, 1899. Motion carried. Committee on devotional exercise made announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder A. T. Pardue. 9, A. M. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder E. L. Weston. 9: 30. Committee on Church and Pastoral Relations, report. Address on same by Elder D. W. Pool. Motion by Elder J. J. Beach, that Elder W. J. Bumgarner be elected Gospel Mission Treasurer. Elected unanimously. Special order for missions. Addresses on same by Elders J. M. Shaver, J. J. Beach, W. J. Bumgarner, M. P. Matheny, J. A. White, O. A. Keller and R. L. Davis. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

With the present means of communication, the subject of giving the gospel to the nations of the earth, can no more be looked upon lightly but comes face to face with the great responsibility We only have to lift up our eyes to see that the fields are indeed white already to harvest. Jno. 4:35 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Acts. 9. 36-38. We would encourage the Churches to increase the work in and near the bounds of the association, and beginning at Jerusalem, to endeavor to extend Christ's kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. The work away from home is encouraging.

There are now about 110 on foreign fields, 80 under the board plan, and 30 under the gospel mission plan, and the Lord is abundantly blessing their labors. We ask the churches for increased gifts, as our missionaries gone out on the Lord's plan are entirely dependent upon the Lord

rough his churches. Bretheren, lay by in store as the Lord hath pros-
red you. J. M. Shaver, J. W. Watts, J. J. Beach.
11, A. M. Sermon by Elder A. T. Pardue; Text; Corintheians, 11. 2.
1, P. M. Church and Pastoral Relations resumed and address on same
Elder A. F. Sharpe. Report adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

A misunderstanding of this true relationship between pastor and
hurch has caused some of the most direful evils which have ever cursed
e earth. The pastor is called Elder. Acts: 20: 17. Pet. 5: 1. He is not
lord it over God's herritage nor serve for filthy lucre. The pastor should
ave a fatherly care for his people. Cor. 4: 14, and I5. Cor. 2, 12, 14. Oh
r more pastors with this spirit of devotion to God and his people. The
hurch should love and esteem their pastor for his work's sake. Thes. 5: 13.
The church also should cheerfully and liberally support their pastor
Cor 1: 9. Wm. W. Teague, and D. W. Pool.
Committee on Duties to the Poor report. Address on same by Elder
. L. Weston. It was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Some people are poor because they are lazy, others are poor because they
onnot help themselves. The latter class needs help. Each church, as
ommanded in the word of God, should look after the poor in its vicinity.
No church can prosper which neglects this duty. It is the duty of ev-
ry Baptist church in the State to do all it can for the orphans at Thom-
sville. There are about 175 orphans at Thomasville; also Miss Jennie
dwards, Guana jay Cuba, has 20 girls in hers, and behalf of these who
re left homeless, we earnestly urge all the churches to do what they can
r them this fall. Also remember the orphanage in Cuba. Respectful-
Submitted. E. L. Weston J. P. Gwaltney and W. R. Childers, com.

Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows: The Sunday School
for the study of God's word, and by that means, the salvation of the
saved. The old and the young alike need to study the word of God and

then if they are themselves saved it is their first business to try to s
others. Our churches should encourage such study of the word of God
order that their membership may attain to the highest efficiency in ev
department of the Lord's work. In regard to Sunday School helps, w
would urge our people to use them in the home, and carry only the l
ble into the Sunday School, and that they especially commit it to mem
ry. Respectfully submitted, J. W. Watts and J. Y. Williams Com.

Trustrees U. B. Institute report. Report spoken to by Bros. W.
White, and J. A. White. Report adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF U. B. INSTITUTE.

Continue the management of Institution and are gratified to state th
the same grade of excellent work that has always been its characteris
since its service has been secured, is maintained. And also we wish to s
that the same great and impressive responsibility rests upon the Bapti
people of this Association to maintain and still futher elevate the stat
of the Institution. The covering of the building mentioned in last repo
has been completed. W. E. White, Chairman Bd. Trustees.

Committee on Nominations submit the following report which was
dopted: We, the committee on Nominations, wish to submit the followi
report. Time of next Association, Thursday before the first Lord's d
in October, 1900. Place, Lebanon. Introductory sermon, D. W. Po
Alternate, R. L. Davis.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

What is the object of the Association?—J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bun
garner and J. W. Watts.

Education—S. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White, E. C. Sloan.

Periodicals—W. J. Bumgarner, J. H. Hendren, and W. S. McLeod.

Temperance—A. Frank Sharp, O. Lawrence White, and J. M. Query

Church and Pastoral Relations—O. A. Keller, J. M. Shaver, a
W. E. White.

Missions—J. M. Shaver, W. R. Childers, and V. W. Teague.

Duties to the Poor—L. P. Gwaltney, O. F. Pool, and T. J. Fortner.

Sunday School—Walter L. Beach, O. A. Keller, and J. M. Fortner.

Committee on Finance reported as follows. Report adopted.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows.

Association Missions, $2.15. Minute Funds, $14.80. Gospel Missions, 64. 08. Thomasville Orphanage, $8.00. Turned over to H. Christopher, Treasurer,——. J. W. Milstead, W. F. Baker, E. C. Sloan, J. F. Baker, Committee.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters report. Report adpted.

There are in this association, 17 churches. They have received during the year, by Experience and Baptism, 111 members. By Letter, 36. By Restoration, 6. Total: 153. Dismissed by Letter, 46. Excluded, 17. Deaths, 15. Total membershiy, 2494. An increase during the year of 210. Church expenses $315.71. State Missions, $10. Home Missions, $24. Foreign Missions, $138.26. Associational Missions, $2.15. Ministerial Aid, $34.42. Ministerial Education, $2.65. Orphanage, $18.48. Cuba Orphanage, $4. Minute Fund, $14,25. Seven churches report Pastors' Salaries, $356. Sunday School contributions, $26.25. Sunday School Missions, $5. Benevolent objects. $20.20.

Eight Sunbay Schools report 574 pupils enrolled.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Pharr, A. C. Jones, S. J. Harington, Com.

Treasnrer's report adopted. Thirteenth Annual Report.

Received of Finance Committee,	$90.04.	Paid T. A. Hudson,	$14.08.
" of R. Z. Linney,	20.00.	" Mrs Blalock,	90.04.
Collection for G. M.	11.42.	" J. M. Shaver,	3.82.
" for Associational Missions,	3.70.	" O. W. Triplett,	3.82.
		" Orphanage,	11.80.
Total received,	$125.16.	Total paid out,	$127.78.

H. Christopher.

Gospel Mission Treasurer reported as follows:

Received from churches previous to association, $66.88.
" from J. Walter Watts, 25.00.
" from Elder J. J. Beach for Macedonia church, 8.70.

"	Associational collections,	$11.42.
"	from H. Christopher, Treasurer,	64.08.
	Total:	176.08.
Forwarded of the above to Bro. and Sister Blalock,		$73.45.
Balance on hand,		$102.63.

W. J. Bumgarner.

Resolutions of thanks to Linney's Grove Church, and surrounding neighbors, for their kind hospitality during the sitting of the Alexander Baptist Association was adopted. Elder J. A. White moved that the Pastors of the Alexander Baptist Association take at least one collection for the Island Ford Brethren, to help them build their house of worship.

The Clerk is authorized to receive the minute fund and have 400 copies printed and distributed among the churches and retain the remaining funds, if any, for his services.

Sunday, October 1st, 1899.

9 A. M. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder W. C. Meadows.

9 30 A. M. Discussions on Sunday Schools in mass meeting by Elder O. A. Keller, A. F. Sharpe, W. L. Beach, and G. W. Brown.

11 A. M. Sermon by Elder M. P. Matheny. Text: Rev. 2: 1.

Collection for Associational Missions. $20.46.

T. A. Hudson, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

W. E. White, Moderator, Avilla, N. C.

HISTORIAN'S WORK—SKETCH OF SESSION.

All the sessions of the Alexander Association have been marked by harmony and good-feeling among the brethren, but the present session has been so especially. The discussion of all the objects of the association and especially that of missions was attended by the Holy Spirit in demonstration and power. Unity of thought and concert of action seem to be the leading characteristics of our deliberations. May these continue to be the means in the hand of God, to carry on his work in our hands.

LINNEY'S GROVE CHURCH—On October 2nd, 1895, Linney's Grove, Church was constituted with 33 memers, by a Presbytery consisting of Elders W. J. Hopkins, D. W. Pool, A. H. Goodin and L. P. Gwaltney. Elder J. P. Gwatney has served the church as pastor from its organization to the present. Brethern J. J. Hendren and J. F. Baker have served as clerk. The memberseip has increased from 33 to 74 and the Church is doing a good work for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

During the past year a number of our brethren and sister's have been called to the other side. While we miss them from our midst, we rejoice that they have gone home to await our coming. Walter L Beach, Historian.

ALEXANDER COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors	Post-Office	Clerks	Post-Office.
Antioch	D. W. Pool,	Vashti, N.C.	R. S. Austin,	Dealsville, N.C.
Bethel			J. E. Gilreath,	Vashti, "
Bethlehem	W.J.Bumgarner,	Swanner, "	W. W. Teague,	Bently, "
Concord	O. W. Triplett,	Tay'ville, "	D. F. Grider,	Hedricks. "
Dover	S. D Barnes,	Boomer, "	P. C. Downs,	Damesville, "
Island Ford	C. L. Weston,	Adams, "	John Deal,	Waugh, "
Lebanon	W.J.Bumgarner,	Swanner, "	A.M.Bumgarner,	Swanner, "
Linney'e Grove	L.P.Gwaltney	York In. "	J. J. Hendren,	Vashti, "
Little River	J. M. Shaver,	Deals'lle, "	J. W. Deal,	Kilby, "
Mac donia	J. J. Beach,	Mor'n Falls,	H. Christopher,	Thurston,"
Mt. Olive	A. F. Parduc,	Wilkesboro,	J. W. Pharr,	Tay'rs'lle,"
Pilgrim	W. T. Comer,	Lovelace,	J. D. Maybury,	Grade, "
Pleasant Hill	W.J.Bum'ner,	Swanner,	S.J.Harrington,	Tayl's'll, "
Poplar Spri's	A. M. Pennel,	Anila,	W. L. Crouch,	Partee, "
Sulp'r Spr's	L P. Gwal'ney,	Vashti,	W. J. Davis,	Aiddenite, "
Three Forks			A. L. Watts,	Tay'rs'lle, "
Taylorsville	J. A. White,	Taylorsville,	E. C. Sloan,	" "

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ETC.

Churches.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Restored	Time of Meeting
Antioch	13	2	6	4		94	149	243				3rd.
Bethel	2		2	5	2	92	142	234	2	1	1	4th.
Bethlehem	20	9	4	1	3	91	111	202				1st.
Concord	2	2	7			53	79	132				2nd.
Dover	8		5		1	58	75	132	1			4th
Island Ford								20				
Lebanon	8		4	4		58	86	144			2	4th.
Linney's Grove	2	4	3	2		28	46	74				3rd.
Little River		1	3		2	56	80	137				2nd.
Macedonia	5	5	7	7	4	79	146	225				3rd.
Mt. Olive	3					53	85	138				4th,
Pilgrim	20		3	2		56	79	135			1	1st.
Pleasant Hill	2				1	42	81	123				2nd
Poplar Springs	16	5				51	70	121			2	3rd
Sulphur Springs	6	1			2	62	105	167				3rd
Three Fork	3	2	1			88	109	192				1st
Taylorsville	1	5	4		1	31	43	74				1 &

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Moderator, W. E. WHITE, Avilla, N. C.
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Next session will be held with Three Fork Church, Alexander County, beginning on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in October 1901

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15 Miscellaneous.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Bumgarner, Swanner, N. C.
W. R. Childers, Taylorsville, "
L. P. Gwaltney, Vashti, "
J. P. Gwaltney, York Institute, "
O. A. Keller, Dealsville, "
A. M.Pennel, Avilla, "
C. C. Pool, Partee, "
D. W. Pool, Vashti, N. C.
J. M. Shaver, Dealsville, "
O. W. Triplett, Taylorsville, "
J. H. Hendren, Vashti, "
R. L. Davis, Hiddenite, "
J. A. White, Taylorsville, "

CONSTITUTION.

NAME AND OBJECT.

Article I. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.
Art. II. Its object shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. III. It shall be composed of Messengers elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three Messengers from each church annually, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with, said churches.

POWERS AND PREROGATIVES.

Art. IV. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

Art. V. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advise when desired, in case of difficulty, and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted.

Art. VI. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the Messengers for that purpose.

Art. VII. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

GOVERNMENT.

Art. VIII. A Majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. IX. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Art. X The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian who shall be elected at each annual session, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

Art. XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

Art. XII. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body and superintend the printing and distributing the same.

Art. XIV. It shall be the duty of the historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a history or sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

Art. XV. To facilitate the transaction of the business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint a committee of three members each, on Religious Exercise, Nominations, Digest of Church Letters, and Finance whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

Art. XVI. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall form an Executive Board for the supervision of the work and business of the Association between sessions.

BY LAWS.

1. All meetings of this body shall be open and closed with religious exercises.
2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the body.
3. The Moderator may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, except that of voting, unless special objection be made.
4. The annual session of the Association shall be held with the churches in alphabetical order, unless otherwise ordered.
5. Any member of this association attending bodies with whom we correspond is hereby authorized to represent us in said bodies.
6. The Chairman of standing committees shall open the discussion upon the subject matter of their reports.

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, October 4, 1900.

11 A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. W. Pool. Text, Isaiah viii: 16—20.

Intermission. 1: P. M. Prayer by Elder O. W. Triplett.

Moderator called for Church Letters and following churches responded. Church Letters read by Brethren J. L. Gwaltney, J. Walter Watts, as follows:

POPLAR SPRINGS—J. F. Robinette, C. S.Robinette, D. L. Brookshire.
LITTLE RIVER—J. W. Deal, P. L. Barnes, F. W. Brookshire.
PLEASANT HILL—W. H. Childres, J Z. Harrington, G. C. Meadows.
TAYLORSVILLE—David Moose, A. C. Payne, E. C. Sloan.
MT.OLIVE—J. Partee Russell, M. K. Deal, J. W. Pharr.
LINNEYS GROVE—Z. W. Lackey, C. J. Gwaltney, J. F. Baker.
THREE FORKS—W. S. McLead, Peter Childers, J. M. Jones.
ANTIOCH—R. S. Austin, J. D. Caldwell, J. A. Cline.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—J. L. Davis, Newt Lackey, J. R. Gwaltney.
MACEDONIA—W. R. Teague, J. E. Chatham, G. W. Hefner.
LEBANON—T. L. Bumgarner, M. C. Davis, B. L. Russell.
CONCORD—A. T. Alexander, T. A. Hudson.

On permanent organization, Elder J. P. Gwaltney moved that the present Incumbents be elected by acclamation. Carried. Moderator, W. E. White; Clerk, T. A. Hudson; Treasurer, H. Christopher; Historian, W. S. McLead. Moderator anounced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—W. J. Bumgarner, T. L. Bumgarner, B. L. Russell.
Nominations—E. C. Sloan, J. T. Davis, J. E. Chatham.
Finance—J. L. Gwaltney, J. Walter Watts, A. T. Alexander.
Digest of Church Letters— M. K. Deal, R. A. Pennell, Z.W. Lackey.

Island Ford Church Letter came in with J. W. Deal, and J. H. Hoke. Door being opened to receive new churches, when Taylor Spring Church from the Briar Creek Association handed in her Letter and joined the Alexander Association, with R. G. Williams, S. A. Godfrey as Messengers, who were cordially received. Visiting brethren invited, when Elder M. P. Matheny, of Southern Baptist, accepted seat.

Constitution and by-laws read by Bro J. L. Gwaltney. The different committees of last year supplied as

follows: Temperance, D. W. Pool, M. P. Matheny. On Sunday Schools: J. L. Gwaltney, O. W. Triplett. Bethlehem Church Letter, presented with John Sherrill, A. W. Robinson, J. C. Fox, as Messengers. Elder J. H. Hendren added to committee on Duties to the Poor. Order of Exercises: Prayer meeting 9: A. M., Buisness Meeting 9: 30 A. M., Preaching 11: A. M., Buisness Meeting 1: P. M, and adjourn at will. Committee on Devotional Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

Friday, October 5, 1900.

9: A. M. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. H. Hendren.

9:30. A. M. Visiting Brethren invited, when Elder J. J. Beach, of the Brushy Mountain Association accepted seat with us. Bethel Church came in and read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, with Messenger A. C. Jones, W. F. Childers and E. B. Hendren.

Committee on the Object of an Association Report. Address on same by Elders J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner, M. P. Matheny, D. W. Pool and L. P. Gwaltney. Adopted.

OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

An Association is an advisary council, not a legislative body. Its object is to promote Spirituality among the churches and to extend Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of men. In matters of discipline there is no appeal from a church to the Association. But the Association is amenable to the churches—Therefore, since the church is Supreme, we think that instead of the word delegate, we should use the term messenger.

Respectfuly Submitted.

J. P. GWALTNEY,
W. J. BUMGARNER, } Comm.
J. W. WATTS,

Committee on Education Report. Addresses on same by Elder L. P Gwaltney. 11: A. M. Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. Text, Mark 11: 1–23. Intermission one hour. 1: P. M. Dover Church Letter came. Read by Bro. J. Walter Watts, with Jones White, R. A. Pennell, M. S. Pennel as Messengers. Pilgrim Church Letter also with C. W. Mayberry, J. P. Brewer and F. H. williams as Messengers. Address on education resumed by M. P. Matheny, J. J. Beach, D. W. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The vision of the fathers a half century ago has been realized. The dream of a school in every community and a high school within reach of all is now a fixed fact and we have now in this Association our own United Baptist Institute still under the successful management of Prof. I. A. White. There is a prosperous school at Hiddenite conducted by Prof. A. F. Sharpe, also a school at Vashti in care of Prof. O. F. Pool that is now running with most flattering prospects. We can heartily commend all these schools to those desiring a practical education. Again, the fathers undertook to foster Education (especially ministerial) "as an handmaid to religion as a means to an end." This experiment has developed certain dangers which we cannot too carefully guard. While Education may be the best of all secular interests, the church must insist upon Grace before education. The church must resist the growing sentiment that to preach the Gospel successfully a man must have all the polish of the schools. The church must insist upon a religion of the heart as opposed to a mere intellectual christianity. Last, but not least, we must not quench, grieve or vex the Holy Spirit by "leaning to our own understanding." But let us ever look to him as our leader and guide on all lines of our Lord's work.

L. P. GWALTNEY, Comm.

Committee on Periodicals Report. Addresses on same by Elders J. H. Hendren, J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Good literature in the homes of our people is a great factor in the development of all our people in christian usefulness. The Bible is now within reach of all and there is no excuse for any one being without the Word of God in their homes. There are many excellent books now within the grasp of all our people and parents owe it to their children to displace all poisonous literature in the homes with good sound books. The Biblical Recorder is published in the interest of the mission boards. The North Carolina Baptist in the interest of a better temperance sentiment, and Chairty and Children in the interest of the orphanage. We note with pleasure that the Missionary Helper and the Southern Baptist are soon to be consolidated, so that we will have one good paper in the interest of Gospel Missions. Get all the information along all lines that will help you.

Submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER.

Committee on Temperance Report. Addresses on same by Elders D. W. Pool, M. P. Matheny, J. P. Gwaltney, W. E. White, O. W. Triplett, W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver, J. J. Beach, O. A. Keller, J. H. Hendren. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the moderate use of all things good, and total abstinence from all things hurtful. The churches of Jesus Christ are the only temperance organizations we need in this noble work. Loyalty to Christ and truth and christian consistency requires that we not only abstain from making, selling, using or furnishing fruit or grain to make intoxicants, but to use all legitimate means to induce the non christian part of our communities to do the same. We cannot be too strict with ourselves on this question or too watchful for others.

Your committee would earnestly call the attention of all the brethren to the following scriptures: Cor. 8: 13, Wherefore if meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh while the world standeth. Rom. 14: 21, It is good neither to

eat flesh nor to drink wine nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended or is made weak.

M. P. MATHENY, }
D. W. POOL, } Comm.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. M. Shaver.

Saturday, October, 6, 1900.

Committee on Duties to the Poor Report. Addresses on same by Elders J. H. Hendren, M. P. Matheny. Adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Among all the duties that come before us as churches and a people calling for our contributions, there is none backed by so many scriptures as the duty that we owe to the poor—Deut. 15: 11, John, 13: 29, Gal. 2: 10, Jas. 1: 27. The Thomasville orphange, where the children of our dead brethren and sisters are cared for, should receive our earnest prayers and contributions.

Respecfully Submitted,

J. H. HENDREN, }
J. P. GWALTNEY, } Comm.

Committee on Sunday Schools Report. Addresses postponed until Sunday, 10: A. M. in Massmeeting. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The object of the Sunday School is to enlist the people in the study of the work of God and to lead the people to Christ. In this it is capable of doing a great work.

The way the Sunday Schools are now conducted, in most of our churches, it tends to lessen the reverence of the people for God's word and to minimize the worth of religious education. The Sunday School was never intended to take the place of religious instruction in the homes or to take the place of committing to memory the Word of God. Let us use this agency with great discretion.

O. W. TRIPLETT, }
O. A. KELLER, } Comm.

Committee on Church and Pastoral Relation. Addresses on same by Elders O. A. Keller, J. M. Shaver, O. W. Triplett, J. H. Hendren, M. P. Matheny. Adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION.

We your Comm., fear that the people have a very slight conception of the very tender relation existing between pastor and people. The pastor is set forth as shepherd of the flock. (Acts. 20: 28, 29.) It is the pastor's duty to "feed the flock of God," "not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." 1. Peter 5. And in all good works he should be a leader of the people and an "ensample to flock." Your Comm. would urge the pastors to be more in earnest in declaring the whole oracle of God and the people to be more faithful in supporting their pastors. As we give so expect to hear. Give to the Lord's cause according to the Lord's plan.

O. A. KELLER, }
J. M. SHAVER, } Comm.
W. E. WHITE, }

11: A. M. Sermon by Elder J. J. Beach. Text, Isaiah 53: 11. Collection for Newell Baptist Church, Mecklenburg Co., N. C., $3.60. Intermission until 1: P. M. Committee on Missions Report. Addresses on same by Elders J. M. Shaver, W. J. Bumgarner. Read letters from Missionaries in China, J. P. Gwaltney, M. P. Matheny, O. W. Triplett. Adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Jesus said all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt. 28: 18-20.

The work in China from a human standpoint, might seem to be a failure, the missionaries all being forced away from their fields of labor, but let us remember his Word shall not return void. We would recommend increased contributions on the Lord's plan.

J. M. SHAVER, }
W. R. CHILDRES, } Comm.

AMENDMENT TO MISSIONS.

Whereas, Brethren O. W. Triplett and J. P. Gwaltney feel led by the Spirit to go into Eastern Carolina, where there are entire countries with not more than one preacher or church, and there preach the Gospel as the Spirit will give them an opening; therefore,

Resolved, that we commend them in this desire to follow the Spirit and request the churches to take collections and forward the same to Brother H. Christopher to be divided between these brethren for expenses, and this be done at the November meeting, if possible.

Report of Trustees of U. B. C. Institute, discussed by W. E. White. Adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF U. B. C. INSTITUTE.

This Institution commenced business about the year 1850 as a Baptist school pastored and promoted by Baptist brethren of churches composing what was then known as the United Baptist Association.

After this it was generally considered as under the supervision and care of the Brushy Mountain Association. Since the formation of the Alexander Association the same relations to the Institution have been sustained up to the present time. None of the bodies mentioned have ever possessed any legal title to any part of the property or buildings and the expression, "our Institution" has always been understood to mean that it is for our benefit and to use for the upbuilding of the Baptist educational interest, and for advocating our Master's Kingdom. We still believe this to be a proper and worthy object of Christian effort, and if a proper object, then still more of effective associated effort.

Brother White opened the present session on the 27th of August, last, assisted by Prof. A. J. Bolin of Orangeburg, S. C, and Mrs. Grace Payne, of Taylorsville, both accomplished and efficient teachers and have more boarding pupils now than at the same date last year. The literary societies are in a flourishing condition and the Libraries are receiving large and valuable additions and we predict for the old Institution a most successful session and ask our girls and boys to make their arrangements to take advantage of its liberal offers.

W. E. WHITE,
Chm. Bd. Trustees.

Committee on Nominations Report. Adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations submit the following Report:
TIME of Next Association, Thursday before the first Lord's day in Oct., 1901.
PLACE, Three Fork Church.
Introductory Sermon, R. L. Davis.
Alternate, J. H. Hendren.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

What is the object of the Association?—J. M. Shaver, R. L. Davis, W. W. Teague, Jr.
EDUCATION: D. W. Pool, V. W. Teague, O. A. Keller.
PERIODICALS: A. F. Sharpe, J. W. Watts, E. C. Sloan.
TEMPERANCE: L. P. Gwaltney, A. W. Robinson, O. F. Pool.
CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS: J. M. Shaver, J. D. Caldwell.
MISSIONS: J. P. Gwaltney, J. H. Hendren, O. W. Triplett.
DUTIES TO THE POOR: J. A. White, D. W. Pool, A. L. Watts.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: C. C. Pool, J. Y. Williams, W. W. Lackey.
Correspondence Southern Baptist Convention: W. J. Bumgarner, E. C. Sloan.
STATE CONVENTION: L. P. Gwaltney, O. W. Triplett.
Brushy Mountain Association: A. C. Jones, J. W. Pharr: Briar Creek: J. E. Gilreath, J. D. Mayberry: South Yadkin: T. A. Hudson, Fred Warren: Caldwell: J. C. Bell, W. S. McLead.

J. C. CHATHAM, } Comm.
J. L. DAVIS, }

Committee on Finance Report. Adopted.

FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: Read from the Churches as follows:

Minute Funds,	$13.20
Gospel Mission	16.32
Thomasville Orphanage	1.30
Turned over to Brother W. J. Bumgarner	16.72

Treasure of G. M.
Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. WATTS, } Comm.
A. T. ALEXANDER, }

Treasurer of the Association Report. Received.

TREASURER'S FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee:

Association Missions	$2.15	Paid T. A. Hudson	$14.80
Minute Fund	14.80	" W. J. Bumgarner	64.08
Gospel Missions	64.08	" J. M. Shaver	2.15
Thomasville Orphanage	8.00	" Orphanage	8.00
Total	$89.03	Total	$89.03

H. CHRISTOPHER, Treas.

Treasurer of Gospel Missions Report. Received.

REPORT OF G. M. TREASURER.

Received from the Churches of the Alexander Asso., as follows: Have also received and forwarded for Kings Creek Caldwell Asso. $12.60. $50.20 has been forwarded to Bro. Blalock.

W. J. BUMGARNER, G. M. Treasurer.

Three Fork ch.	$4 06	Bethel ch.	7.75
A. L. Watts, Three Fork ch	5.00	Sulphur Springs ch.	30.00
J. Walter Watts	25.00	Macedonia ch.	7.00
Bethlehem ch.	1.97	Antioch	9.80
Lebanon,	36.06		
Mt. Olive	2.65		$129.30
Poplar Spring ch.	2.00	Received of Finance comm.	16.72
Pleasant Hill	4.01		
		Total,	$146.02

Committee on Digest of Church Letters Report. Adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association 18 Churches, they have received during the year by Experience and Baptism 68 members; by Letter, 29; by Restoration, 6; total 103; Dismissed by Letter, 34; Excluded, 13; Deaths, 21. Total membership, 2590. An increase during the year of 96 members.

Church expences	$45.25	Sunday School missions	$17.50
State missions	5.25	Minute fund	13.20
Home missions	13.66	Seven churches report	
Foreign missions	105.47	Pastor's salary	232.55
Association missions		Benevolent objects	13.90
Ministerial aid		Eight Sabbath school	
Ministerial education		Report 554 pupils	
Orphanage	43.08	Enrolled	
Cuba orphanage	12.39	Respectfully submitted	

A. C. JONES,
I. N. LACKEY, } Comm.
R. A. PENNELL.

Correspondents, J. M. Shaver, W. S. McLead visited Caldwell Association: L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, Briar Creek Association. Motion by D. W. Pool for Sunday collection to be given Associational Missions. Carried.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made Anouncements. Adjourned with a loving brotherly handshake. Benediction by L. P. Gwaltney.

Sunday, October 7, 1900.

10: A. M. Prayer by Elder W. C Meadows. Addresses on Sunday Schools by Elders O. W. Triplett, J. M. Shaver.

11: A. M. Sermon by L. P. Gwaltney. Text Acts 16: 30 31. Also M. P. Matheny, Acts 15 Chapter. Collection for Associational Missions, $8 50.

The Alexander Baptist Association with visiting Brethren, tender their most cordial thanks to Lebanon Church and surrounding neighbors, for their kind hospitality during the session ond hope the prayers of said vicinity may reach around the hearts of all.

The Clerk is authorized to receive the minute fund and have 400 copies printed and distributed among the churches and retain the remainder, if any, for his services.

W. E WHITE, Moderator, Avilla, N. C.

T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Past,s Salay.	Chrch Exps.	Stat Mis.	Forn. Misns	Gosp Misn	Orfn age.	Min. Fnd.	Assn Fund	Total
Antioch	$24.	$13.	$	$7.50		$7.00	.65		$51.50
Bethel		8.			11.00	2.25	1.10		22.45
Bethlehem	37.00	1		5.96			.75		42.71
Concord							.50		.50
Dover	10.80						.80		11.60
Island Ford	12.00		.25				.25	.50	13.00
Lebanon				5.90	30.07		1 15		33.05
Little River									
Linney's Grove				4.31			.50		4.81
Macedonia	35 00	8.30		4.25	7.00	3.71	1.05		59.31
Mt. Olive				2.65			.35		3.00
Pleasant Hill				4.01			.80		4.81
Poplar Springs	38 75			3.66			.75		43.16
Pilgrim						1.30	.25		1.55
Sulphur Springs				8.14	30.00	21.31	1.05		59.45
Three Fork	75.00	1.25		4.00		5.00	1 75		87.00
Taylor Springs							.50		.50
Taylorsville		22 70	5.	2.65		2.51	1.00	5.56	39.42
Total.	232.35	53.26	5.25	53.03	78.17	43.08	13.20	6.06	477.82

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP &C.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec by Letter	dism by L	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ordnd Minst	Lic'ntates	Restrd	Time P'chng
Antioch	2	1	2	1	2	95	149	244	1		3	3rd Sun
Bethel		1	6		2	92	136	227	3			4th
Bethlehem	8	1	4		2			208				
Concord						50	76	125				4th
Dover	8	8	6		1	59	56	115				4th
Island Ford			3			9	12	21				
Lebanon	4		2	2	4	57	86	143				4th
Little River			2			56	82	138				2nd
Linney's Grove	1	6	1			31	49	81			1	3rd
Macedonia	13		3	3	3	78	151	229				3rd
Mt. Olive	5	1				54	87	142			1	4th
Pleasant Hill						42	79	121				2nd
Poplar Springs	5	3	2		3	49	75	124				3rd
Pilgrim		1	2	5	3	50	77	127				1st
Sulphur Springs	7	1		2		63	109	172				3rd
Three Fork	6	4	1			75	97	173			1	1st
Taylor Springs	9	2			1	51	78	129				3rd
Taylorsville						33	39	72				

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Supt	P. O.	No of Schlr	No of Tchrs	Avge Atnd	Contributions
Bethel	D. Williams	Vashti	50		40	$
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner	Swanner				
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney		43		29	
Poplar Springs	G. Z. Bumgarner	Wahoo	65		35	2.50
Sulphur Springs	Wm. M. Lackey	Hiddenite	44	3	35	
Three Forks	J. M. Oxford	Partee	70		35	2.50
Taylor Springs	S. A. Godfrey	New Hope				
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville	82		45	15.00

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors	P. O.	Clerks.	P. O.
Antioch	D W Pool	Vashti	R S Austin	Dealville N C
Bethel	"	"	A C Jones	Vashti "
Bethlehem	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	W W Teague jr.	Bentley "
Concord	J A White	Taylorsville	D F Gryder	Hedrick "
Dover	O A Keller	Avilla	C L Sherrill	Vashti "
Island Ford			T A Stewart	Falbright "
Lebanon	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	A M Bumgarner	Swanner "
Little River	A T Pardue	Wilkesboro	J W Deal	Chapman "
Linney's Grove	W T Comer	Lovelace	J F Baker	Vashti "
Macedonia	J J Beach	Mor'vn Falls	J E Chatham	Taylorsville "
Mt. Olive	A T Pardue	Wilkesboro	J W Pharr	" "
Pleasant Hill	W J Bumgarner	Swanner	S J Harrington	" "
Poplar Springs	S L Fox	Hagamon	W L Crouch	Wahoo "
Pilgrim	W T Comer	Lovelace	J M Query	Grade "
Sulphur Springs	L P Gwaltney	Vashti	W J Davis	Hiddenite "
Three Fork	"	"	A J Blankenship	Taylorsville "
Taylor Springs	L M Garrart	Buck Shoal	L S T Barker	Grade "
Taylorsville	O W Triplett	Taylorsville	E C Sloan	Taylorsville "

HISTORIAN'S WORK.

As in all previous sessions of this Association, good feeling and brotherly love have prevailed, and all the discussions and religious exercises have seemed to be with an earnest desire for the spread of the gospel in the earth. Exceedingly interesting have been the discussions on temperance, du ies to the poor, educa ion and missions.

LEBANON CHURCH

Was organized Mar. 29, 1884, with 41 members, by a presbytery consisting of Elders Stephen Medlock, moderator, W. J. Bumgarner, clerk, C. C. Pool, J. B. Pool, D. M. Knight and S. D. Barnes. S. D. Barnes was chosen pastor and served until December, 1884, Rev. J. R. Teague from Jan. 1, 1885 until Aug., 1886. Rev. J. B. Pool until Decem er, 1892. Rev. W. J. Bumgarner was called to the pastorate on January, 1893 and has served until the present. A. M. Bumgarner was appointed clerk when the church was organized and has served until the present.

Since its organization one hundred and fifty-nine members have been baptized into its fellowship. Eighteen have died. The present membership is 143.

Since our last sessi n, many of our members have passed over the river, and we record the following obitu-ries:

Rachel Bentley, wife of Ambrose C. Bentley, was born June 11, 1811, and died at her son. John C. Bentley's, in Alexander county, Oct. 1, 1900, and was therefore 89 years old. Her husband A. C Bentley yet survives her, and is 85 years old. Rachel Bentley joined the baptist church at Bethel, about fifty-two years ago, and has lived a consistent member of that church ever since. She was the mother of six children. Three are dead. One son and two daughters yet survive her, all of whom are members of the baptist church.

Rev. James Benjamin Pool, was born Apr. 5, 1841, and died Oct. 7, 1900. He was a son of Rev. William Pool. He has served the county as register of deeds from 1871 to 1881; as member of the legislature 1881 and 1882; as member of board of education; as county commissioner and clerk of the court. No other man in the county ever gave so much time to the public affairs of the county. He enlisted as a private soldier, Sept., 1861, in Co. "G" 37th N. C. troops, and rose to first lieutenant, and served faithfully until the close of the war. He joined Little River baptist church in 1855. Was baptized by Rev. J. G. Bryant. He removed his membership to Three Fork, and was ordained to the ministry in 1874 by a presbytery consisting of Rev. R. L. Steele, Jacob Crouch, W. A. & C. C. Pool. He served several churches in this and Caldwell Counties as pastor, and was quite popular as a preacher. He seemed to throw his whole soul into whatevea he undertook. He was remarkably kind and generous in his nature. His home was always that of hospitality, and all the poor and illiterate, as well as the rich and affluent, were alike welcome and at home with him and his family. But he is gone, and while we so deeply deplore his absence we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. We bow us in submission to our father, and sing with the poet

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ.
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy master's joy."

Adam Barnes Oxford was born Jan. 11th, 1809, ond died July the 6th 1900. He had been twice married. His first wife was Barbra McLeod, by whom he had five sons and three daughters, of whom only two, Dr. J. M. Oxford of this county, and Mrs. W. G. Robinson of Texas survive him. His last wife was a Miss Kerley by whom he had three sons and two daughters. He was one of the first magistrates of Caldwell county, and helped to organize she first county court. None of our laymen and but few ot our ministers were better informed in Biblical literature than he. He had been a member of the church about fifty years. But he is gone, like a shock of corn gathered into the garner.

Benjamin Hambleton Brookshire, was born April the first, 1827. He had been a member of the church about fifty years, and died a member of Three Fork church. He had been twice married, and leaves a widow and her five sons and three daughters, and three sons by his first wife, to mourn their loss. Six of his children are members of the Baptist church.

Francis Brown was born in January 1823, and died April 24, 1900, a member of Three Fork church. Her husband, Franklin Brown died in the war. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom survive her She joined the church in early life. and was an exemplary member until her death.

Margaret Cox Died October, 1899, aged about 22 years. She was a member of Dover church. Her walk was quiet and orderly. Not a breath of stain against her christian character, "she did what she could."

John Wilson Millstead was born March the 19th, 1849, and died January the 22nd, 1900. He prefessed religion, and was baptized into the fellowship of Three Fork church in 1887. Of lowly birth, and without the education of the schools he seemed to begin life at a great disadvantage but nature had endowed him with a vast amount of good common sense, and by industry and economy he had acquired a good property. His nature was kind and gentle. His daily walk showed that "he had been with God." 'Twas his to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and he was beside every sick bed in the vicinity. He was a deacin and treasurer of his church, and was always punctual. Truly "A good man is fallen in Isreal."

James Jefferson Teague was born August 22nd, 1817, and died March 20th, 1900. He was twice married. His wife and one child, brother J. M. Jones' wife survive him. He Joined the church in early life, was excluded, and for several years lived out of the church. He was restored a member of Three Fork church about two years before his death.

Cora Zora Watts, widow of J. Butler Watts and youngest and last child of brother J M Jones and wife Lizzie, was born Apr. 5, 1869, and died Apr. 24, 1900. She joined Three Fork church in 1886. Her husband and two children had crossed the river a few years before her. She suffered much affliction in this life but bore it uncomplainingly, and was always cheerful. She met death without a seeming fear, having a firm and unwavering faith in her savior, and now with husband and children, forming one unbroken family, let us hope they sing the new song in the land where there is no death.

Carrie Kerley was born in Aug. 1881 and died July 31, 1900. She was the youngest and last child of Finley and Mary Kerley. Her mother and sister had preceeded her to the better land, and when the end was almost in sight she told her pastor and friends that she was not afraid to die. She was member of Three Fork church.

Mary Ann Stine, died Dec. 2, 1899. She was about 62 years old. She joined Antioch church in early life. She was a quiet peaceful woman. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom are members of the church.

Polly Stine, died Jan. 24, 1900. She was twice married and was the mother of four children. She joined Three Fork church eight or ten years ago. Her church life was upright.

Ed. E. Alspaugh was born —— —— and died Apr. 14. 1900. He was an earnest and faithful member of Antioch church. He leaves a young wife and — children to mourn his loss, but surely they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Elijah A. Teague, was born July 20, 1821 and died in his 78th year. He joined Antioch church at the first campmeeting held there fifty four years ago. He was a deacon of the church and lived an honorable life.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 3, 1901.

11:00 a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. L. Davis. Text: 1 Kings xviii : 21.

Intermission.

1:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder C. E. Beaver.

Moderator called for Church Letters and the following churches responded. Church Letters read by Brethren J. J. H. Pool and Wm. W. Teague, as follows :

ANTIOCH—J. C. Bell, J. J. Keller and W. C. Oxford.
PLEASANT HILL—W. C. Kerley, G. C. Meadows and S. W. Harrington.
MT. OLIVE—I. Russell, J. W. Pharr and J. J. Lowe.
THREE FORKS—A. J. Blankenship, M. Swaim and Peter Childers.
BETHLEHEM—Wm. W. Teague and W. S. Robinson.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—R. L. Davis, T. L. Blankenship and Everett Lackey.
POPLAR SPRINGS—J. F. Walker, J. A. Robinette and R. S. Barnes.
DOVER—Walter Robinette and Columbus Pennell.
MACEDONIA—J. E. Chatham, J. C. Warren and T. C. Ingram.
BETHEL—A. C. Jones, J. M. Bennett and W. H. Wiliams.
TAYLOR SPRINGS—L. A. Godfrey, R. C. Williams, L. S. T. Barker.
CONCORD—T. P. Lackey, W. C. Pierce and T. A. Hudson.
TAYLORSVILLE—E. C. Sloan, D. W. Moose, Sr., and A. C. Payne.
LINNEY'S GROVE—Eli J. Hendren, I. B. Linney and J. F. Baker.
LEBANON—J. M. Fortner, J. M. Watts and Wilson Sweet.
ISLAND FORD—J. H. Hoke, J. W. Deal and S. S. Sherrill.
PILGRIM—B. F. Childers, C. W. Mayberry and J. M. Query.

On Permanent Organization, motion by Elder J. A. White that the present incumbents be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. W. E. White, Moderator ; T. A. Hudson, Clerk ; H. Christopher, Treasurer ; W. S. McLeod, Historian. Moderator announced the following committees :

Nominations : W. W. Teague, L. A. Godfrey and I. B Linney.
Finance : J. C. Bell, J. E. Chatham and J. M. Fortner.
Digest of Church Letters : W. H. Williams, J. B. Echerd and J. H. Hoke.
Religious Exercises : L. P. Gwaltney, A. J. Blankenship and P. A. Childers.

Pleasant Grove Church Letter handed in, which was cordially received, with the following Messengers: E S. Millsaps, J. J. Levan and R. W. Grant. Correspondence and visiting brethren were invited to sit with us, when Elders O. L. Stringfield, Secretary of Baptist Female University, and C. E. Beaver, of South Yadkin Association, accepted seats.

Constitution and By Laws read by J. J. H. Pool.

Order of Exercises: Prayer meeting 9 a. m. Business meeting 9.30 a m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Business meeting 1 p. m., and adjourn at will.

At the request of Elder O. L. Stringfield a committee of all the preachers and following brethren be appointed to confer with him at 8 o'clock a. m. Friday, the 4th day of October, and Elders W. J. Bumgarner, L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, O. A. Keller, A. M. Pennell, D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver, R. L. Davis, J. A, White, and Brethren E. S. Millsaps, W. W. Teague and J. Walter Watts were appointed.

The following committees were supplied, to wit: Elder L. P. Gwaltney on Education; Temperance, W. E. White; Periodials, E. S. Millsaps; Church and Pastoral Relation, John Echerd R. D. Williams; Missions, W. J. Bumgarner; Duties to the Poor, C. E. Beaver, S. A. Godfrey; Sunday Schools, O. A. Keller, J. E. Chatham and W C. Kerley. Committee on Religious Exercises made. Announcements. Motion by Elder J. A. White that Education be taken up at 1 p. m., October 4th, 1901.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. M. Shaver

FRIDAY, October 4, 1901.

9 a. m. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder C. E. Beaver. 9:30 a. m. Lebanon Church Letter read, Visiting brethren invited to sit with us, when Elder O. A. Keller and Brother J. J. Russell, of Brushy Mountain Association, accepted seats.

Committee on Object of an Association Report. Discussion on same by Elders J. M. Shaver, R. L Davis, Wm. W. Teague and O. L. Stringfield. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE OBJECT OF AN ASSOCIATION.

The object of the Association is to promote spirituality among the churches and to extend Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men.

J. M. SHAVER,
Chairman Committee.

Little River Church Letter read with Messengers T. J. Barnes, L. W. Law and J. W. Deal. Visiting brethren in-

vited when J. M. M. Reid and J. C. Brookshire, of Caldwell Association, accepted seats.

11 a. m. Sermon by Elder O. L. Stringfield. Text: Psalm, 32 : 8.

1 p. m. Committee on Education report by special order. Addresses on same by Elders D. W. Pool, O. A. Keller and after (O L. Stringfield denounced the report and all else connected with it, spoke scatteringly but not as the word directs) and took a collection and then continued running addresses by Elders J. A. White, J. P. Gwaltney and L. P. Gwaltney on the report and then it was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

If we were to consider Education in its broadest meaning we would find that it is something broader than the mere intellectual discipline carried on in the school room. But what we are especially concerned about is education in the school room, Christian education is entirely different from the education we receive in the school room. The education we receive in our schools is secular and should be treated as such, but we earnestly insist that our people should see to it that our teachers shall be Christian men and women, as all people ought to be in all other secular employments. Education is one of the greatest needs of the present time. However, we would point out a danger in the educational movements of today. When the Church assumes control of education (or any other secular work) to such an extent as to regard it as one of the leading factors of our work it is but sooner or later to secularize the Church and to lean on education as a basis of success instead of the Word and Spirit of our blessed Lord.

We should look well to our common schools, see that they are taught by well informed Christian teachers, and for higher education we recommend the schools at Taylorsville and at Hiddenite. It is a duty we owe to the young people and to coming generations to use all the rightful means in our hands to promote the cause of education.

D. W. POOL,
O. A. KELLER,
L. P. GWALTNEY.

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements. Adjourned. Benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY, October 5, 1901.

9 a. m. Visiting brethren invited when Bro. J. W. West, of Caldwell Association, accepted seat.

Committtee on Temperance report. Addresses on same by Elder L. P. Gwaltney and Bro. E. S. Millsaps. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the moderate use of or indulgence in the things of this life. However hard it may be we believe it to be the duty of all Christians to be temperate in all things. We should be temperate in

our actions, our speech, and the indulgence of our appetites. Especially do we recommend that Church members abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and refrain from engaging in the manufacture or sale of the same. One of our greatest sins along this line is the intemperate indulgence of our passions. Christian men and women should be careful to exhibit a Christian spirit, and especially to avoid manifestations of excessive anger or malice.

Let us make the life of the meek and lowly Nazarene our great example.

E. S. MILLSAPS,
L. P. GWALTNEY.

Committee on Duties to the Poor report. Addresses on same by Elders J. A. White, O. A. Keller, L. P. Gwaltney, and D. W. Pool. Collection for orphanage at Thomasville, amount $6.73. Adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Our Saviour on ene occasion in answer to the question, "Why was not this ointment sold and given to the poor," said, "The poor ye have with you always and when ye will ye may do them good."

We rejoice that we live in this day when the principles of our Divine Master have so permeated the masses of the human family that institutions are provided for the care of the poor in every county: but this provision does not exempt the Church of the living God from providing for the helpless poor of its own church. Shame on that church that will send her poor, helpless member to the county home!

The spirit of Christianity has prompted the Baptist of North Carolina to build and equip a home at Thomasville for the fatherless and motherless children of our deceased brethren. We are rejoiced to know that the appointments are such our orphans are trained for time and eternity. Brother J. B. Boone has proven himself an efficient superintendent of our Orphanage at Thomasville where there are now 210 orphans depending upon the Baptist of North Carolina for their support, which includes food, clothes, fuel, and teaching. Wonderful to say, so economically is this institution managed, that all this costs only $4.35 per month for each child

We pray for the widows and orphans; we believe that it is right that they should be cared for but, brethren, James says "Faith without works is dead." Let us bear a liberal part in this great work.

See Deut., 15 : 11 ; John, 15 : 9 ; Acts, 6 : 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WHITE,
C. E. BEAVER,
D. W. POOL,
Committee.

11 a. m. Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. Text : Proverbs. 20 : 4.

1 p. m. Visiting brethren invited when Elder W. G. Meadow accepted seat from Brushy Mountain Association Committee on Church and Pastoral Relation report Addresses on same by Elder J. M. Shaver and Bro. J. B. Echerd. Adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

We, your committee, fear that the people have a very slight con-

ception of the very tender relations existing between pastor and people. The pastor is set forth as shepherd of the flock. (Acts, 20:28-29). It is the pastor's duty to "feed the flock of God," not for "filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." 1 Peter 5. And in all good works he should be a leader of the people and an ensample to flock.

Your committee would urge the pastors to be more earnest in declaring the whole oracle of God and the people to be more faithful in supporting their pastors. As we give so we expect to hear. Give to the Lord's cause according to God's plan.

J. M. SHAVER,
J. B. ECHERD,
Committee.

Committee on Nominations report. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations submit the following report:

Time of holding next Association on Thursday before first Lord's day in October, 1902.

Place, Taylor Spring Church.

Introductory Sermon, J. W. Bumgarner. Alternate, O. A. Keller.

Education—J. A. White and Frank Sharpe.

What are the Fundamental Doctrines of the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints—J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and W. E. White.

Temperance—L. P. Gwaltney, E. S. Millsaps and Jno. Gwaltney.

Church and Pastoral Relations—R. L. Davis, J. M. Shaver and J. W. Brewer.

Associational Missions—L. P. Gwaltney, J. W. Watts, E. C. Sloan.

Foreign Missions—J. W. Bumgarner and W. S. McLeod.

Duties to the Poor—D. W. Pool, Wm. W. Teague, J. Y. Williams.

Sunday School—J. W. Bumgarner, S. A. Godfrey, Dr. Jos. Williams.

Correspondence Southern Baptist Convention—J. P. Gwaltney and J. A. White.

State Convention—J A. White, L. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool.

Brushy Mountain Association—W. H. Williams and H. T. Campbell. Brier CreekAssociation—M. O. Williams and J. P. Gwaltney. South Yadkin Association—J. A. White and E. S. Millsaps. Caldwell Association—O. A. Keller and W. W. Teague.

S. A. GODFREY,
W. W. TEAGUE,
I. B. LINNEY.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters report. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association 19 churches. They have received during the year by experience and baptism, 62 members; by letter, 22; by restoration, 4; total received, 88; dismissed by letter, 35; excluded, 10; deaths, 35 Total church membership, 2,565. Church expenses, $177.31; State Missions, $19.59; Home Missions, $4.93; Foreign, $124.12; Orphanage, 23.25; Sunday School contributions, $20.71; Minute fund, $13.90; seven churches report pastor's salary, $355.60. Number of Sunday Schools, 8; number of pupils enrolled, 504.

JNO. B. ECHERD,
J. H. HALL,
W. H. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Committee on Missions report. Addresses on same b Elders J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver, J A. White and D. W. Pool. Adopted.

MISSIONS.

It is the duty of the churches and pastors to give the Gospel t every creature. How shall we interest the people in this great and im portant work? We suggest that the first thing to be done is to la the burden of this work upon the churches where it belongs. Go has committed the supervision of this work to them. Let the pastor of the churches press home upon the hearts of the people their dut in this respect; appoint special prayer meetings and take collection and request the attendance of each individual member and pra earnestly for this great work, for the person that never prays fo missions seldom pays to missions.

Our missionaries have been driven from the field, but some hav returned, and others are going back soon to resume their work hence the importance of increased contributions for their expense have been greatly enlarged.

Your committee would suggest the importance of supplying th destitute south of our own borders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GWALTNEY.
W. J. BUMGARNER.

Committee on Periodicals report. Addresses on same b Elder A. F. Sharpe, Bro. E. S. Millsaps, and Elders A. L Davis and O. A. Keller. Adopted with amendments.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Good literature in our homes is no longer a luxury but a necessity It is the duty of Christian parents to provide good, wholesome book and periodicals for their children. The Bible should be in ever home and there are many books which should be found in ever library.

Among the papers which we should read are the Biblical Recorder the organ of the Baptist Brotherhood of North Carolina: Charit and Children, the organ of our Orphanage: the North Carolina Bap tist, and other papers representing our work.

E. S. MILLSAPS,
J. W. WATTS,
A. F. SHARPE.

The Treasurer of Gospel Missions report. Adopted.

REPORT OF G. M. TREASURER.

Received of churches and individuals as follows:

Bethlehem Church	$ 4 47	J. Walter Watts	$26 0
Little River Church	6 65	Elder O A Keller	1 0
Antioch Church	20 29	Shady Grove Church, Brier Creek Association	2 0
Three Fork Church	13 96	Taylor Spring Church	2 7
Lebanon Church	37 00	Received of Finance Committee	56 5
Mrs. Thos. Carlton	25		
Elder M P Matheny	2 00		
Total			$172 9

ave forwarded to Brother T. L. Blalock of the above..... 60 77
dance on hand 112 16
om Finance Committee for Miss Jennie Edwards 5 43

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. BUMGARNER,
G. M. Treasurer.

Committee on Finance report. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORT.

Received of the various churches as follows:

Churches	Minute Fund	Gospel Missions	Orphanage	State Missions	Jennie Edwards	Home Missions
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cord	45			1 05	3 43	
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Total	15 90	55 56	5 98	1 05	5 43	61
Grand Total						$58 53

Collection for Orphanage today, $6.73.

J. C. BELL,
J. E. CHATHAM,
J. M. FORTNER,
Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools report. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

he injunction to train up a child in the way it should go is as ng today as at any period of the world. We regard the Sunday ol, when properly conducted, as a strong factor in this work—in way we reach some children who never have any moral training me. The young mind must have something to feed upon, and elieve children often gather food in the Sunday School, that will py the mind through the week.

e urge parents to attend Sunday School with their children.

Respectfully,

C. A. KELLER,
J. E. CHATHAM,
W. J. KIMBLEY,
Committee.

The Treasurer's 15th Annual report. Adopted.

TREASURER'S FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for Minute Fund	$13.20
" Collection for Newell church	3.61
" Collection for State Missions	8.50
Total	$25.31
Paid T. A. Hudson	$13.20
Paid M. P. Matheney for Newell church	3.61
Paid J. M. Shaver	8.50
Total	$25.31

Respectfully,
H. CHRISTOPHER, Treasurer.

The Alexander County Association tenders her sincere thanks to the church of Three Forks and surrounding vicinity for their very kind and brotherly treatment during the session of the same for 1901.

T. A. HUDSON, Clerk, Taylorsville, N. C.

W. E. WHITE, Moderator, Avilla, N. C.

SUNDAY, October 6, 1901.

10 a. m. Memorial exercises to the memory of Elders C. C. Pool, J. Hix Hendren and thirty-three other of the brethren and sisters of the Association deceased since our last meeting at Lebanon Church, 1900. D. W. Pool read the 5th Psalm. Prayer by Elder J. M. Shaver. Moderator W. E. White delivered the memorial address.

11 a. m. Sermon by Elder J. A. White. Text: 2nd Thessalonians, verse 1.

Collection for Associational Missions, $10.90.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Superintendents	Post Office	No. Scholars	Teachers	Average Attendance	Contribution
Bethel	D. Williams,	Vashti,	45	..	35	.. ..
Little River,	J. W. Watts,	Taylorsville	50	..	35	....
Poplar Spring,	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Wahoo,	65	..	40	....
Linney's Grove,	J. A. L. Campbell,	Vashti,	78	..	....	...
Sulphur Spring,	R. Lee Davis,	Hiddenite,	50	..	40	2 25
Lebanon,	A. A. Bumgarner,	Swanner,	88	..	58	....
Taylorsville,	E. C. Sloan,	Taylorsville	61	..	48	20 71
Three Forks,	J. M. Oxford,	Partee,	62	4	36	....

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES	Pastor Salary	Church Expense	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Associational Fund	Total
Antioch	$22 50	$ . .	$.	$.	$ 2 00	$.	$ 1 05	$ . .	$25 55
Bethel	. . .	75 00	. .	. .	11 10	2 71	2 10	9 31	100 22
Bethlehem	27 00	. . .	. .	5 75	. . .	. .	60	. . .	33 35
Concord	50 00	3 00	1 15	1 12	3 43	. .	45	. . .	59 05
Dover	8 60	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	80	. . .	9 40
Island Ford	. . .	50 00	. .	25	1 00	. .	25	. . .	51 45
Linney's Grove	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	5 91	. .	50	. . .	6 41
Little River	6 65	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	55	. . .	7 20
Lebanon	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	37 00	. .	1 25	. . .	38 25
Mt Olive	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	30	. . .	30
Macedonia	40 00	. . .	. .	. .	4 35	3 27	1 30	. . .	48 82
Pilgrim	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	25	. . .	25
Pleasant Grove	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	50	. . .	50
Poplar Springs	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	2 00	. .	60	. . .	2 60
Pleasant Hill	30 00	15 00	. .	. .	. . .	. .	75	. . .	45 75
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, &c.

Churches.	Baptised	Received By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Males	Females	Total	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Restored	Time of Preaching
Antioch	.	3	2	.	4	91	148	239	. .	.	2	3rd
Bethel	1	.	1	.	7	62	118	180	2	.	.	4th
Bethlehem	3	4	2	.	3	.	. .	210	1			. .
Concord	19	4	2	.	.	55	87	143	. .	.	1	4th
Dover	.	2	4	.	1	55	51	106	1	.		2nd
Island Ford	12	1	. .	.	.	13	21	34	. .	.	.	. .
Linney's Grove	6	1	. .	.	.	33	55	88	. .	.	.	3rd
Little River	.	. .	2	.	2	54	79	133	. .	.	.	2nd
Lebanon	1	. .	. .	.	3	56	83	139	. .	.	.	4th
Mt Olive	.	. .	. .	.	1	57	88	145	. .	.	.	4th
Macedonia	5	. .	5	5	5	73	147	222	1	.	.	4th
Pilgrim	.	. .	7	.	2	46	72	118	. .	.	.	1st
Pleasant Grove	.	. .	. .	.	.	10	13	23	. .	.	.	3rd
Poplar Springs	.	1	. .	.	1	50	74	124	. .	1	.	3rd
Pleasant Hill	5	. .	1	.	.	42	81	123	. .	.	.	3rd
Sulphur Spring	2	2	1	.	2	64	109	173	1	.	.	3rd
Taylorsville	5	3	3	.	1	37	39	76	. .	.	.	2nd
Three Forks	3	1	5	2	3	71	92	163	. .	.	1	1st
Taylor Springs	.	. .	. .	.	3	49	77	126	. .	.	.	3rd

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.
Antioch . . .	D. W. Pool.	Vashti	R S Austin.	Dealsville
Bethel	L P. Gwaltney.	Vashti	A C Jones	Vashti
Bethlehem. . .	W. I. Bumgarner.	Swanner	W W Teague, Jr.	Bentley
Dover	J. K. Fox, A. M	Pennell Avilla	S Sherrill	Avilla
Island Ford . .	C. E. Beaver.	New Stirling	T A Stewart.	Fulbright
Concord	C. E. Beaver.	"	D F Gryder,	Hedrick
Linney's Grove	W.T. Comer.	Lovelace	J F Baker,	Vashti
Little River . .	W. J. Bumgarner,	Swanner	J W Deal,	Chapman
Lebanon	W. J. Bumgarner,	Swanner	A M Bumgarner,	Swanner
Mt. Olive . . .	A T. Pardue,	Wilkesboro	J J Lowe.	
Macedonia . . .	J. M Shaver,	Dealsville	J E Chatham,	Taylorsville
Pilgrim	W. T Comer.	Lovelace	J M Quary,	Grade
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Gwaltney,	York Institute	E S Millsaps,	Clio
Poplar Spring .	S L. Fox,	Hagerman	G Z Bumgarner,	Wahoo
Pleasant Hill. .	John Weatherman,	———	S J Harrington,	Taylorsville
Sulphur Springs	L. P. Gwaltney,	Vashti	R. Lee Davis,	Hiddenite
Taylorsville . .	" "	"	E C Sloan	Taylorsville
Three Forks . .	" "	"	A J Blankenship,	Taylorsville
Taylor Springs	J M. Current,	Buck Shoals	L S T Barker.	Grade

THE HISTORIAN'S WORK.

The present session of the Alexander Association has been remarkable by the earnest endeavor of almost all the speakers to make prominent the work of the Holy Spirit. The discussions of "Missions" and "Duty to the Poor," and, also "Temperance," were forceful and clear. The attendance at all the sittings was good, and good feelings seemed to prevail.

HISTORY OF THREE FORKS CHURCH.

About one hundred years ago one ..... Brumley lived on the farm now owned by Bro. William Brown, one mile north of Three Forks church. His wife, Chloe Brumley, died and was carried to the grove on the quiet hill where Three Forks church now stands and buried. Being in a central place and easy of access, it soon became a general burying ground. A log house was built for shelter and services at burials. In May, 1857, thirty-seven members of Little River church procured their letters and organized Three Forks church. The presbytery consisting of Revs. J. G. Bryant and Jacob Crouch. N. A. Pool was clerk. In June twenty more members brought their letters, and increased the number to fifty-seven. At this meeting J. G. Bryant and J. Crouch were called to the pastorate. In July Rev. Wm. Pool was called as assistant pastor. J. G. Bryant resigned in 1860. Rev. Smith Ferguson was pastor for about a year. Then during the troublous war times there was no settled pastor until 1867 when W. G. Brown became pastor. In October, 1868, Rev. John B. Powell was pastor and served for one year. Rev. W. A. Pool served the church from November, 1869, until July, 1872. Then J. B. Pool and L. P. Gwaltney for one year. L. P. Gwaltney alone for the next year. Rev. George D. Sherrill was called in November, 1875, for one year. Then Rev. C. C. Pool until December, 1877. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was pastor until October, 1879. Rev. E. David from November, 1879, until November, 1880. L. P. Gwaltney until August, 1884. J. P. Gwaltney for one year. L. P. Gwaltney again until September, 1888. D. W. Pool until August, 1893. L. P. Gwaltney has been the efficient pastor ever since.

N. A. Pool was the first clerk and served until February, 1861. R. Watts until July, 1867. J. B. Pool until July, 1869. R. S. Barnes un-

til July, 1872. D. W. Pool until April, 1878. J. M. Jones until February, 1896. A. L. Watts until December, 1899. A. J. Blankenship from that time until the present. Only two of those who joined the church at its organization are now living, Sisters Sallie Barnes and Rebecca Chapman.

OBITUARIES.

Sister Nancy Caroline Fox, wife of William Fox, who was killed during the war, died October 7th, 1900, aged nearly seventy-eight years. She professed faith in Christ in girlhood, and joined Antioch church, and was for over sixty years an exemplary member. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom are members of the Baptist church. On her death bed she expressed her confidence in her Saviour, and her willingness to die and be with Christ.

Elizabeth Smith was born February 21st, 1828; died January 5th, 1901. She joined Antioch church about 1850, and lived an earnest, quiet Christian life.

Malinda Watson was the daughter of Bro. J. A. Watson. She died April 8th, 1901. She had been a member of Antioch church for ten years. She had been in feeble health for a long time, but bore her sufferings patiently, never murmuring, or complaining.

John D. Caldwell was born October 7th, 1872, and died September 29th, 1901. He was the second son of Brother J. C. Caldwell and wife, Georgia Ann. He professed religion and joined Antioch church in August, 1886, and was baptized by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney. He was a high toned Christian gentlemen; one who was anxious to do his whole duty as son, as husband, as citizen and as a member of the church. He was one whose place it will be hard to fill, but for some reason, best known to the Father, he has been called home. We try to say, "Thy will be done."

Ambrose C. Bently was born May 8th, 1815, and died June 20th, 1901, aged 86 years, one month and 12 days. He was the father of six children, three are dead, one son and two daughters survive him. He joined Bethel church in 1847, and lived a consistent life fifty-four years. His home was always that of hospitality. The poor and illiterate as well as the higher classes were alike welcome at his home. If any man lived and died without enemies, he did. He died at an advanced age full of years, a pillar in the church, in brief it may be said of him the "path of the just is as a shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Our dear sister Julia, wife of Brother John C. Bently, and daughter of Thornton and Lucy Brown, was born September 6th, 1859, and died at her home at Vashti, N. C., January 11th, 1901. She professed religion and joined Walnut Grove church September 3rd, 1874. Was married and moved her membership to Bethel church. From her girlhood she was a consistent and faithful Christian, a true and loving wife, a faithful devoted mother, whose Christian character, and faithful discharge of duty gave her great influence for good over all with whom she lived. She leaves a husband, six children and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss, while she reaps the reward of the "faithful until death," a crown of life. At her own request, she was laid to rest on the very spot in old Walnut Grove graveyard, where in early life she gave her heart to her Saviour, there to await the resurrection morn.

Elder Hix Hendren was born June 7th, 1874; died September 14th, 1901. He was converted about six years ago, and led in prayer before the meeting closed. He commenced preaching almost at once, and his life ever after was such as to convince all men that he had been with Jesus. His deep toned piety and his ability as a speaker made a lasting impression upon those to whom he ministered. Dark indeed, are the mysterious workings of Providence. God comfort the loved ones who mourn his absence. Those of us who knew him most intimately, will always thank God for his joyous conversion, his zeal for God and his love for sinners.

Lydia E. Teague, wife of Brother Van W. Teague, born March 7th, 1859; died March 20th, 1901. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom survive her. She was a member of the Lutheran church for twelve years, but was convinced that the Baptist doctrine was correct and united with Antioch church in 1890, and lived consistent with the Baptist faith until her death. She expressed herself fully as to readiness, and willingness to die and be with Christ. She was a model wife and mother.

Margaret Winkler was the daughter of the late Burton Reed, she was the wife of Jacob Winkler. She was a member of Dover church. She lived so near a Christian life that not even the world could say anything against her Christian character. She was one of whom we might all take pattern. About six months before her death she said she was ready at any time. We can wish the world full of such sisters. We believe she is at rest awaiting a glorious resurrection.

Candace Sharpe, wife of Brother I. N. Sharpe, and daughter of Brother Cyrus Drum, died September 24th. 1901, aged about sixty years. She professed faith in Christ in early life and united with Sulphur Springs church. For many years she was a great sufferer, but bore it with such patience as only a Christian, and now we rejoice to think that she is gone to that land where there is no more sickness, nor sorrow, nor pain. nor death.

Lavance E. Earp, wife of J. G. Earp, and daughter of Amos and Mary Jane Bumgarner, was born November 2nd, 1869, and died May 2nd, 1901. She had been married about ten years. She joined Lebanon church in August, 1890. and lived an exemplary Christian life to her death. "Let us not sorrow as those who have no hope."

Sarah Jane Fortner was born February 25th, 1880, and died June 27th, 1901, at her home in Alexander county, N. C. She was the daughter of J. M. and Elizabeth Watts, and was married to David S. Fortner in 1899. They lived together one year and seven months. She leaves a husband and sweet little babe. with a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. She united with Lebanon church in early life, and lived an exemplary Christian life till the time of her death.

"Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarm?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to his arms."

Rev. Christopher Columbus Pool was born April 26th, 1845, and died October 14th, 1900. He was the third son of Rev. William Pool. He professed faith in Christ at about the age of fifteen, and united with Three Forks church. He and his brother, W. A. Pool, were both ordained to the ministry on the same day, January 2nd, (Saturday), 1868. Presbytery consisting of Revs. Jacob Crouch, D. B.

Brown, R. L. Steele and William Pool, and their brother, N. A Pool, was ordained deacon at the same time. He was a soldier in the late war, a member of Co. G, 37 Regiment N. C. troops, and was wounded at Spotsylvania. As a soldier of his country and of the cross, he was alike faithful. To say that he was an earnest worker in the Master's vineyard is putting it lightly. No distance was too great for him to travel, no weather too severe, no night too dark, nor no home nor person too low for him to visit. He had served many churches in this and all the adjoining counties. He could number the persons whom he had baptized almost by thousands. He was confined to his room for the last three years of his life. At the first of his confinement, he said that "he was laid on the shelf." He seemed to realize that his work was done, and patiently awaited the summons to "come up higher." Suddenly on the night of October 14th, 1900, the messenger came, and sitting in his chair, with none but wife and and children about him, he gave his soul to God who gave it.

"The voice at midnight came,
He started up to hear,
A mortal arrow pierced his frame,
He fell, but felt no fear."

Sister L. E. Watts died April 19th, 1901, aged thirty-nine years, five months and fourteen days. She was the wife of Brother J. Walter Watts and the mother of seven children, six of whom are living. She professed faith in Christ about the year 1885 and joined Poplar Spring church, and afterward joined Three Forks church. She was a good wife and mother, a kindly neighbor, a quiet, orderly, unassuming Christian lady. She died lisping with her last breath,

"Beckoning hands at the gate way to-night," etc.

Johnnie D. Johnston was born September 9th, 1880, and died November 14th, 1900. He was the last child of our deceased brother, David A. Johnston and his wife, Anna. He was a member of Three Forks church. For the last two or three years of his life he was a sufferer from that same disease that had taken away his father and brother, consumption. We have the fullest assurance that he is gone to that land where there is no more sickness to live with his father in "that land of pure delight."

The historian requests the members of all our churches to furnish the historian of the next session of our Association, with all the historical, and obituary notices that they would like to have published. These are things that become us as Baptists. Then let us preserve them while we can.

W. S. McLEOD,
Historian.

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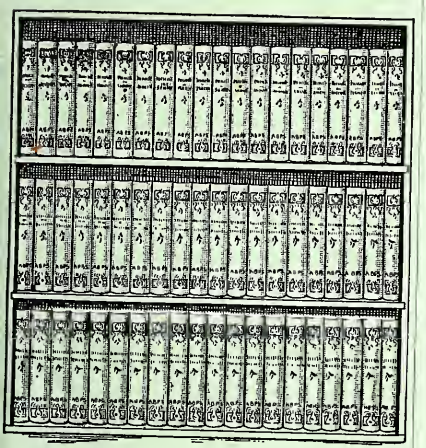

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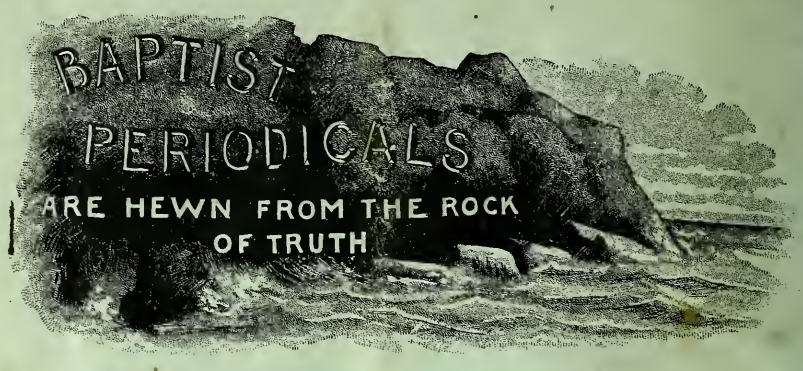

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THURSDAY, October 2, 1902.

11:00 a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Text: Jude, 1:13.

Intermission.

1:30 p. m. The Moderator not being present, the Clerk, T. A. Hudson, called the Association to order, and requested J. W. Watts to act as temporary Chairman. On taking the chair, the Moderator called the Association to prayer with Elder W. A. Myers.

The Moderator called for Church Letters, and the following Churches responded. R. L. Davis and E. S. Millsaps, were requested to read to the letters, as follows.

Bethel—A. C. Jones, J. W. Barnett, E. B. Hendren
Macedonia—H. Christopher, C. M. Fincannon. J. H. Watts.
Pilgrim—J. C. Millsaps, R. Carson, J. P. Brewer.
Lebanon—T. L. Bumgarner, D. S. Fortner, Wm. Bumgarner.
Sulphur Spring—R. L. Davis, Wm. Lackey, J. W. Lackey.
Concord—Marvin Alexander, T. A. Hudson.
Pleasant Hill—D. C. Laws, G. C. Meadows. S. W. Harrington.
Island Ford—L. S. Sherrill. J. H. Hoke.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, J. F. Bowles, E. L. Millsaps.
Poplar Spring—H. C. Barnes. W. Robinette, J. F. Walker.
Mt. Olive—M. K. Deal, B. S. Kerley, J. J. Lowe.
Pleasant Grove—E. S. Millsaps, R. W. Grant, R. E. Levan.
Taylorsville—E. C. Sloan, W. P. Ingram, Chas. White.
Taylor Spring—J. P. Williams. S. A. Godfrey, T. H. Williams.
Antioch—R. C. Bowman, W. H. Hollar, E N. Montgomery.
Three Forks—A. J. Blankenship, W. S. McLeod, R. W. Childers.
Bethlehem—V. W. Teague, E. W. Teague, A. W. Bobinson.
Dover—H. H. Pennell, W. W. White, R. A. Pennell.

The organization being effected, the following officers were elected: J. W. Watts, Moderator; E. S. Millsaps, Clerk; W. J. Bumgarner, Treasurer, and W. S. McLeod, Historian.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of this Church.
Nominations—W. S. McLeod, Wm. Lackey, D. C Laws.
Digest of Church Letters—T. L. Bumgarner, J. F. Walker, D C. Bowman.
Finance—J, F. Baker, T. H. Williams, E. L. Millsaps.

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A call for new churches was extended, and a letter was handed in from Damascus church, with a letter of dismission from the Brier Creek Association, with N. G. Sloan, S. C. Johnson, R. F. Sloan, as delegates. Motion was made that it be received into this Association. Carried without objection.

An invitation was given to correspondents and visitors and Elders S. C. Owen, of Candler, N. C.; Thos. D. Phillips, of Charlotte, N.C.; Y. Jordan, A. H. Goodin, I. Hollar and W. A. Myers, of the Brier Creek Association, accepted seats.

Vacancies were supplied on Standing Committees as follows: Education, V. W. Teague; Temperance, J. M. Shaver; Associational Missions, C. E. Beaver; Duties to the Poor, V. W. Teague; Sunday School, I. Hollar, S. C. Johnson; Periodicals, S. C. Owen, T. D. Phillips and D. W. Pool.

Order of Exercises: Prayer service at 9 a. m; business meeting 9:30 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; dinner. Resume business at 1 p. m., and adjourn at will.

Correspondents reported—Elders W. J. Bumgarner and C. E. Beaver, and Brother J. W. Watts attended Southern Baptist Convention; Elders J. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool attended Brier Creek Association, and Bro. W. S. McLeod, attended the Caldwell. All reported a pleasant time.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Elder C. E. Beaver, to conduct prayer service to-morrow, and Elder J. M. Shaver, to preach at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder S. C. Owen.

FRIDAY, October 3, 1902.

9 a. m. Prayer service by Elder C. E. Beaver. 9:30 a. m., visiting brethren invited, and Brother S. G. Stout, of the Brushy Mountain Association, accepted a seat.

On motion the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws was omitted.

On motion the report on Education was made a special order for 1 p. m., Saturday.

Committee on, What are the Fundamental Doctrines once Delivered to the Saints, reported. Discussed by S. C. Owen, T. D. Phillips, C. E. Beaver, and D. W. Pool. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

The fundamental doctrines of the Bible are those necessary to be believed in order to the salvation of the soul. Prominent among these (1) The divinity and humanity of Christ. See John 1: 1 to 3 and 14. Heb. 1:2. (2) His death, burial, and resurrection, I. Cor. 15:3. 4. (3) Dependent upon these are the doctrines of human depravity, repentence and faith. (1) Depravity, Gen. 6:5. 8. 21. Jer. 11:9. Rom. 3:10 to 18. (2) Repentence, Luke 13:3 to 5, 16:30 and (3) Faith. Acts 16:31, Heb 11:6. So important are these doctrines that they are continually set forth as object lessons in the ordinances of God's house, viz.: Baptism and Communion. See Rom. 11:26.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Gwaltney,
D. W. Pool.

The report on Associational Missions was made a special order for 1 p. m.

Visiting brethren accepted seats with us as follows: Bro. E. Mitchell, from the Yadkin, and Brethren S. S. Goforth, B. C. Rash, and W. M. Goforth, from the Brier Creek. Prayer by Y. Jordan. Sermon by Elder J. M. Shaver, the Text: I. John 4:17. Adjourned for dinner.

1 p. m. Prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. The special order coming up, the report was read by C. E. Beaver and discussed by C. E. Beaver, W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool, and J. P. Gwaltney.

On motion a collection was taken for this mission amounting to $4.48. Adopted.

REPORT.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: The commands of our blessed Lord said in Luke 24:47, that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Then again, Acts 1:18, "But ye shall receive powers after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witness unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." and in as much as there is great destitution in the bounds of this Association, it is our duty to assist such churches as need our help, for the Bible demands that we bear each other's burden's, and that the strong should help to bear the burdens of the weak We earnestly ask that every pastor and church of this Association see that this matter is laid before our people, and that a contribution be sent up for this purpose at our next Association.

C. E. Beaver.
J. W. Watts.

The Committee on Duties to the Poor report, and the same is discussed by D. W. Pool, V. W. Teague, J. P. Gwaltney, and S. C. Owen. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

The duty and blessing of giving to the poor, are so abundantly set forth in Scriptures that it is only necessary to read to be convinced. The Apostles never appealed to any other motive than the love and sacrifice of the Savior, to incite Christians to give. See II. Cor. 8:9, and Paul in Acts, 20:35. quotes the

Savior as saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Then in II Cor. 8:2. he shows how the Macedonians in affliction and poverty rejoiced in giving liberally even beyond their ability, and in 8 he says it is a proof of the sincerity of our love. Measured by this standard, my brethren, how much will your love for Christ appear. Surely no church of Christ will allow a member to be cared for in the county home. We earnestly recommend every church to take at least one collection a year for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

D. W. Pool,
V. W. Teague.

Committee on Church and Pastoral Relations report. Brief addresses by R. L. Davis, J. M. Shaver, J. P. Brewer and W. A. Myers. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

Your committee submit the following: A church is an organized body of baptized believers under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and a God appointed pastor. A pastor is a man called of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit whose duty it is to "feed the flock over which the Holy Spirit made him overseer," Acts. 20:28, and "Taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind, neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." 1 Ptr, 5:2, 3. "Not to be ministered unto but to minister," Mat., 20:28. The church's duty to the pastor, is to minister to him of carnal things, II Cor., 9:1 to 18. To pray for him, Rom., 15:30, II Cor , 1:11.

R. L Davis,
J. M. Shaver,
J. P. Brewer.

Committee on Religious Exercises make announcements. Preaching to-night—Elder C. Beaver; prayer service to-morrow—Elder R. L. Davis; sermon by Elder D. W. Pool. On motion adjourned.

Saturday, October 4, 1902.

9 a. m. Prayer service conducted by Elder R. L. Davis.

9:30 a. m. Reading minutes of previous day. Report on Periodicals is called for and the same is read by Elder S. C. Owen. Short speeches by S. C. Owen, T. D. Phillips, D. W. Pool, E. S. Millsaps, and R. L. Davis. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

This is a reading age. People will read something. You can't keep them from it, and what we read goes a long way toward making us what we are, for as we read so we think, and as we think so we act as a rule. If this be true (and we think it is,) a great responsibility rests upon parents in seeing that their children get the very best possible literature to read. We, therefore, recommend the Bible first and above all other books. Next to it, we recommend a wise selection of good books and papers that teach our doctrines. We believe it would be wise for the pastors to procure Bibles and other books as cheaply as possible for the people. To those who wish to keep posted on the general denominational news, we recommend the *American Baptist Flag* and the *Biblical Recorder*, on Orphanage work, *Charity and Children*, and those who want to

keep posted on missions and in touch with the missionaries, we recommend the *Missionary Helper.*

D W Pool.
T. D. Phillips,
S. C. Owen.

The report on Temperance is read by E. S Millsaps and discussed by E. S. Millsaps and J. M. Shaver. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

We are commanded to be temperate in all things—in food, in drink, and in the indulgence of our passions. No words can better cover the liquor question than the following, written by a living author: "The saloon is the greatest curse of the present day, the fountainhead from whence flow streams of evil. It fills our prisons with criminals, our insane asylums with victims, and our grave yards with paupers' graves. It turns happy homes into barren wastes. It debauches and ruins the husband, the son, the father; it destroys the happiness of the wife, the mother, the daughter; it clothes them in rags, starves them and breaks their hearts." And for what?

E. S. Millsaps.
J. M. Shaver.

Sermon by Elder D. W. Pool, Text: Heb., 11:5.

Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

1 p. m. The report on Education being a special order the same is read by Prof. W. B. Rivenbark and is discussed by W. B. Rivenbark and D. W. Pool. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

If we were to consider Education in its broadest meaning, we should find that it is something broader than the mere intellectual discipline carried on in the school room. But what we are especially concerned about is education in the school room. Christian education is entirely different from the education we receive in the school room. The education we receive in our schools is secular and should be treated as such, but we earnestly insist that our people should see to it that our teachers shall be Christian men and women, as all our people ought to be in all other secular employments. Education is one of the greatest needs of the present time. However, we should point out a danger in the educational movements of to day. When the church assumes control of education (or any other secular work) to such an extent as to regard it as one of the leading factors of our work, it is but sooner or later to secularize the church and to lean on education as a basis of success instead of the Word and Spirit of our blessed Lord.

We should look well to our common schools, see that they are taught by well informed, Christian teachers, and for higher education we recommend the schools at Taylorsville and Hiddenite. It is a duty we owe to the young people and to coming generations to use all the rightful means in our hands to promote the cause of education.

W. B. Rivenbark,
D W. Pool.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and discussed by W J. Bumgarner and S. C. Owen. Adopted.

THE REPORT

Almost the last words of our Master before leaving this world, was the command to give the Gospel to every creature. Brethren, have we, as churches and individuals, obeyed this command? We note with sad regret, that while some advancement has been made, not a tithe of what might be done, is being done. We rejoice that a few of our churches are going forward, but sadly regret that others are retrograding, while some others are doing nothing at all. Our missionaries are on the field faithfully laboring to bring souls to Christ. Shall we let them suffer for want of the necessaries of life? We appeal to the pastors to go home and earnestly lay the matter before the churches, and never let up till they enlist both churches and individuals in the God given work. We would urge the Scriptural plan of giving, laid down in II Cor., 16:2.

We would commend the work of Brethren Reaver and Davis, along the Catuwba river, as worthy of our support.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Bumgarner,
S. C. Owen.

The report on Sunday Schools is read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, and the discussion of it left over for Sunday morning. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

Of the various methods we have at our disposal for supplementing church work, none in our opinion, are greater than the Sunday school. What we, as Christians and parents want to do for our children and the unsaved at large, is to give them a motive, a reason, and the constant reading and interchange of ideas on the simple truths of the Bible, such as we get in a well conducted Sunday school, happily give these motives, and the first thing we know our children are Christians. As to the different methods of conducting a Sunday school, we would urge the avoidance, as much as possible, of any approach to formality. But we hold the method to be of much less importance than the zeal and earnestness, with which it is conducted. Let us, therefore, both old and young, see to it that we make the Sunday school what it should be.

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Johnson,
J. V. Williams.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Time—Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1903.
Place—Poplar Spring church, Alexander county.
Introductory Sermon—Elder R. L. Davis, alternate, O. A. Kellar.
Education—A. F. Sharpe, W. B. Rivenbark, and D. W. Pool.
Fundamental Doctrines—W. J. Bnmgarner, W. E. White and J. P. Gwaltney.
Temperance—J. L. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver and R. L. Davis.
Church and Pastoral Relations—L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and G. Z. Bumgarner.
Associational Missions—E. S. Millsaps, E. C. Sloan and V. W. Taague.
Duties to the Poor—J. P. Gwaltney, B. F. Steele and J. Y. Williams.
Sunday Schools—W. H. Williams, J. J. H. Pool and Dr. J. M. Oxford.
Southern Baptist Convention—W. J. Bumgarner and W. B. Rivenbark.
State Convention—J. W. Watts and E. C. Sloan.
Brushy Mountain Association—James Baker and G. Z. Bumgarner.
Brier Creek Association—D. W. Pool and J P. Gwaltney.
South Yadkin—E. S. Millsaps, N. G. Sloan and Milton Williams.
Caldwell Association—O. A. Kellar and J. C. Bell.

W. S. McLeod,
D. C. Laws,
Wm. Lackey.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for Minutes	$ 15 90	
" " " " Orphanage	12.71	
" " " " State Missions	1.05	
" " " " Home Missions	.61	
Total		$30.27
Paid Minute Fund	$15.90	
" Orphanage	12.90	
" State Missions	1.05	
" Home Missions	.61	
Total		$30.27

H. CHRISTOPHER, Treasurer.

GOSPEL MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 6, 1901, to October 2. 1902.

Oct. 6, 1901.	To balance on hand	$117.59	
	By check to T. L. Blalock		$112.16
	By check to Miss Jennie Edwards		5.48
		$117.59	$117.59
Jan. 1902.	Received from Bethel	$ 4.50	
" " " "	Three Forks	2.01	
" " " "	Sulphur Spring	8.00	
April, " " "	Bethlehem	1.40	
" " " "	Three Forks	3.73	
" " " "	Macedonia	3.81	
" " " "	Lebanon	9.00	
May, " "	By check to T. L. Blalock		32.45
" " "	from Sulphur Spring	15.00	
June, " " "	Collection at Ellendale	5.68	
Aug. " " "	Three Forks	3.05	
" " " "	Antioch	5.45	
Sept. " " "	Lebanon	5.65	
Sept. 29, "	By check to T. L. Blalock		34.83
	Received from Three Forks	2.59	
	" " Lebanon	1.35	
Oct. 3, " " "	Finance Committee	73.92	
" " "	J. W. Watts	25.00	
	By balance on hand		102.86
	Total		$170.14

W. J. BUMGARNER, G. M., Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THIS SESSION.

Received of Finance Committee for Minutes	$16.83	
" " " " Miss Jennie Edwards	4.00	
" " " " Orphanage	4.29	
" " " " Associational Missions	4.00	
" " " " State Missions	3.00	
By cash to Clerk Association		16.83
" balance on hand		15.29
Total	$32.12	$32.12

W. J. BUMGARNER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association 20 churches. They have received during this year by experience 182, by letter 21, by restoration 14, making a total of 217. Dismissed by letter 45, excluded 36, died 22, a total loss of 103. Total membership 2647. Church expenses, $530.46; State Missions, $15.50; Home Missions, $3.50; Gospel Missions, $141.31, Orphanage, $26 56; Minute Fund, $16.83; A. J. Diaz, $3.65; Jennie Edwards, $4 00; other objects, $19.00; Sunday school contributions, $23.07. Five churches report pastors salaries $272. Number of Sunday schools 10, number of pupils enrolled, 537.

T. L. BUMGARNER,
R. C. BOWMAN,
J. F. WALKER.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Jennie Edwards.	Total.
Antioch	. . .	1.75	1.25	1.20	. . .	4.00	7.60
Bethel	. . .	11.24	. . .	1.55	. . .	. . .	12.79
Bethlehem	. . .	3.30	. . .	1.24	. . .	. . .	4.54
Concord	1.00	1.00	1.32	50	1.00	. . .	4.82
Dover	. . .	1.25	. . .	70	. . .	. . .	1.95
Damascus	. . .	10.50	. . .	80	. . .	. . .	11.30
Island Ford	1.00	1.00	72	35	1.00	. . .	4.07
Linney's Grove	. . .	3.00	. .	65	. . .	. . .	3.65
Little River	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	
Lebanon	. . .	8.82	. . .	1.25	. . .	. .	10.07
Mt. Olive	. . .	1.25	. . .	38	. . .	. . .	1.63
Macedonia	. . .	2.96	. . .	1.25	. . .	. . .	4.21
Pilgrim	1.00	. . .	. . .	51	. . .	. . .	1.51
Pleasant Grove	. . .	. . .	1.00	55	2.00	. . .	3.55
Poplar Spring	. . .	3.00	. . .	60	. . .	. . .	3.60
Pleasant Hill	. . .	. . .	. . .	60	. . .	. . .	60
Sulphur Spring	. . .	21.50	. . .	1.15	. . .	. . .	22.65
Taylorsville	. . .	. . .	. . .	1.00	. . .	. . .	1.00
Three Forks	. . .	. . .	. . .	1.50	. . .	. . .	1.50
Taylor Spring	. . .	4.95	. . .	1.05	. . .	. . .	6.00

On motion by D. W. Pool, the Clerk is instructed to retain $4.00 for his services, and expend the remainder for printing minutes. Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Association extend its thanks to Taylor Spring church and community for the kind hospitality which has been so freely and bountifully bestowed, and for the good order which has prevailed during our session.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.
Taylorsville, N C.

E. S. MILLSAPS, Clerk,
Statesville, N. C.

Announcements by Committee on Religious Exercises. On motion adjourned.

SUNDAY, October 5, 1902.

A heavy rain interrupts the programme, and after a short prayer service conducted by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, Elder S. C. Owen preached, Text, Eph., 1:7. Collection for Associational Missions, $3.63. Benediction by S. C. Owen.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

E. S. MILLSAPS, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	No. of Scholars.	Teachers.	Average.	Contributions.	No. Quraterlies.
Antioch	Green Teague.	Dealville	38		20		
Bethel	D. Williams.	Vashti	40		35		
Bethlehem							
Concord	W. C. Pierce.	Hedrick	90		39		
Dover	A. W. White.	Avilla	35		25		
Damascus	N. G. Sloan.	Bryantsville	75	5	40	1.50	50
Island Ford	J. H. Hoke	Waugh	28	4	18	80	77
Linney's Grove	J. A. L. Campbell	Vashti	72		40		
Little River							
Lebanon	A. A. Bumgarner.	Swanner					
Mt. Olive							
Macedonia							
Pilgrim							
Pleasant Grove	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville	72	5	42	1.56	75
Poplar Spring							
Pleasant Hill							
Sulphur Spring							
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville	60		40	15.00	
Three Forks	J. M. Oxford	Partee	62	4	40		
Taylor Spring	S. A. Godfrey.	New Hope					

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFEICE.
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Vashti	R. S. Austin	Dealville
Bethel	L. P. Gwaltney	Vashti	A. C. Jones.	Vashti
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner.	Swanner.	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley.
Concord	C. E. Beaver	Abernethy.	D. F. Gryder.	Hedrick
Dover	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Wahoo.	H. C. Pennell.	Wahoo
Damoscus	J. P. Gwaltney	Mt. Pisgah	N. G. Sloan	Bryantsville
Island Ford	C. E. Beaver.	Abernethy	T. A. Stewart	Fulbright
Linney's Grove	J. P. Gwaltney	Mt. Pisgah	J. F. Baker.	Vashti
Little River			J. W. Deal	Chapman.
Lebanon	G. Z. Bumgarner	Wahoo.	A. M. Bumgarner	Swanner.
Mt. Olive	A. T. Pardue	Adley.	J. J. Lowe	Swanner.
Macedonia	J. M. Shaver	Dealville.	J. E. Chatham	Taylorsville
Pilgrim	W. T. Comer	Lovelace	J. M. Onery	Grade
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Gwaltney	Mt Pisgah.	E. S. Millsaps	Statesville
Poplar Spring	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Wahoo	H. C. Barnes	Wahoo
Pleasant Hill	John Weatherman		S. J. Harrington	Taylorsville
Sulphur Springs	D. W. Pool	Vashti.	R. L. Davis.	Hiddenite
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney.	Vashti.	E. C. Sloan.	Taylorsville
Three Forks	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Wahoo.	A. J. Blankenship	Taylorsville
Taylor Spring	J. M. Current.	Buck Shoals.	L. S. T. Barker.	Grade

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Churches.	MEMBERSHIP. Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Licentiates.	Ordained Ministers.	Time of Preaching.	FINANCIAL EXHIBIT. Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Ministerial Aid.
Antioch	22	1	1	9	1	1	100	151	251	. .	. .	3rd	40.00	19.46	. .	9.60	. .	1.30	1.20	. . .
Bethel	19	. .	1	3	2	3	66	130	196	. .	2	4th	. . .	75.00	. .	15.75	. .	. .	1.55	. . .
Bethlehem	11	1	. .	1	6	4	. .	. .	211	. .	. .	1st	35.00	. . .	. .	4.70	. .	. .	1.24	. .
Concord	11	1	. .	5	. .	. .	46	62	108	. .	. .	4th	50.00	. . .	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.32	50	. . .
Dover	1	. .	. .	4	. .	. .	55	76	131	. .	. .	2nd	. . .	. . .	. .	1.25	. .	. .	70	. . .
Damascus	21	1	. .	1	3	1	. .	. .	189	. .	. .	1st	. . .	. . .	. .	5.50	. .	5.00	80	. . .
Island Ford	3	1	. .	. .	1	. .	15	22	37	. .	. .	4th	. . .	38.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	72	35	. . .
Linney's Grove	2	. .	. .	3	. .	. .	30	54	84	. .	. .	3rd	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	65	. . .
Little River (delinquent)	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	. .	. . .
Lebanon	8	3	3	4	10	. .	52	88	140	. .	1	4th	. . .	60.00	. .	28.47	. .	. .	1.25	10.00
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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL.

The present has been almost an ideal session of the Association. Its meetings were harmonious, and a spirit of brotherly love seemed to pervade the entire body. The apparent design of the speakers was to glorify the Master. The generous hospitality of the brethren and sisters of the community, and the good order, made the session pleasant and profitable.

Taylor Spring church was organized July 10, 1852, after a sermon by Rev. G. B. Adams, by a Presbytery composed of G. B. Adams, R. L. Steele, J. W. Jones and J. J. Watts. C. W. Howell was chosen clerk. At this meeting 15 members were received, and on the following day 5 others. Rev. G. B. Adams served as pastor until 1858; J. B. Greene from 1858 to 1863; W. G. Brown from 1863 to 1368; E. N. Gwyn from 1868 to 1876. There seems to have been no pastor from this date to 1880. Rev. Y. Jordan became pastor and served from 1880 to 1888. J. P. Gwaltney from 1888 to 1890. No pastor from 1890 to 1894. J. G. Weatherman from 1894 to 1896, J. P. Gwaltney from 1896 to 1899 and J. M. Current from 1899 until the present

C. W. Howell served as clerk for one year, and W. H. George from 1853 to 1873, H. C. Redmond from 1873 to 1877, M. C. Williams 1877 to 1879, A. N. Barker 1879 to 1880, J. P. Williams 1880 to 1886, S. L. T. Barker 1886 to 1887, J. P. Williams 1887 to 1888 and S. T. L. Barker from 1888 to present.

OBITUARIES.

Thomas B. Goforth, the subject of this sketch died February 10, 1902, in his 86 year. He first became a member at Mt. Vernon, and was ordained a deacon of that church in 1841. In 1853 he was dismissed from Mt. Vernon church and joined at Damascus, where he remained a member until his death. He was a deacon for more than 60 years..

"Servant of God, well done.
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Mary Matilda Pennell, wife of Bro. H. C. Pennell, died July 15, 1902. She was a member of Dover church. She leaves a husband and four little children to mourn their loss. She lived a consistent Christian life, and said when dying she could see her way clear across the dark river. She was sunshine in her home.

"Dearest loved one, we have laid thee
In the cold grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face."

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, aged about 67 years, was a member of Bethlehem church. She first united with the church at Antioch, and when the church was organized at Charity, she moved her membership there. After that church went down, she joined at Bethlehem, where she remained a consistent member until death, about July 1, 1902. She was a kind and sympathetic mother and sister, and will be greatly missed.

Henry Franklin Echerd, was born May 10, 1823, and died July 1, 1902. He was father of nine children, seven of whom survive him. In early life, he joined the church at Three Forks, and lived a consistent life more than fifty years His home was always that of hospitality. Judging from his profession and walk in life we have the fullest assurance that he has gone to that land where sorrow, sickness and death cannot come.

Mary A. Harmon, was born Sept. 18, 1846 and died Aug. 4, 1902. She was the second wife of Bro. Marcus Harmon. She was the mother of three children, two of whom survive her. She joined the church at Three Forks in early life, and lived a quiet, exemplary life. She was an intellectual woman and a model in every good word and work.

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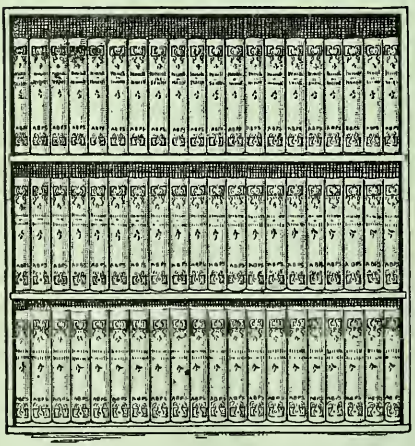

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PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, September 24, 1903.

The eighteenth annual session of the Alexander County Association convenes with Poplar Spring Church to-day. The Introductory Sermon is preached by Elder R. L. Davis. Text: Mal. 3 : 10.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator calls the Association to order with prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. The Moderator calls for church letters, and requests Elder W. J. Bumgarner and Bro. J. J. H. Pool to read same, as follows:

Taylor Spring—S. A. Godfrey, M. O. Williams.
Pleasant Grove—E. S. Millsaps, C. L. Millsaps.
Bethel—I. N. Smith, J. E. Gilreath.
Pilgrim—J. M. Query, A. Mayberry.
Three Forks—W. S. McLeod, J. M. Oxford, W. J. Harrington.
Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, J. H. Hammer, Fred. Warr n.
Lebanon—E. V. Bumgarner, E. E. Kerley, T. L. Bumgarner.
Sulphur Spring—J. R. Gwaltney. R. Lee Davis.
Concord—W. C. Pierce, D. E. Gryder, W. G. Gryder.
Mt. Olive—L. F. Davis, M. K. Deal, J. J. Lowe.
Bethlehem—Green Teague. Wade Brown, Jessie Teague.
Linney's Grove—J P. Hendren, J A. L. Campbell, E. J. Hendren.
Damascus—J. P. Stout, W. F. Mason.
Little River—J. P. Deal, P. J. Barnes, N. J. Walker.
Antioch—W. E. White, J. C. Caldwell, R. S. Austin.
Taylorsville—J. L. Gwaltney, J. G. Harrington.
Poplar Spring—D. L. Brookshire, J. A. Pennel, H. C. Barnes.

Permanent organization being in order, the old officers are re-elected by acclimation, as follows: Moderator, J. Walter Watts, Clerk, E. S. Millsaps, Treasurer, W. J. Bumgarner, Historian, W. S. McLeod.

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The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of this church.
Nominations—J. E. Gilreath, S. A. Godfrey, G. C. Meadows.
Digest of Church Letters—C. L. Millsaps, J. J. Lowe W. E. White.
Finance—J. L. Gwaltney, A. Mayberry, M. O. Williams.

The following visiting brethren accepted seats: Elder S. C. Owen, of Candler, N. C.; Elder T. B. Phillips, of Charlotte, N. C.; Bro. N. M. Felts, of the Brier Creek Association, and Bro. J. J. Russel, of the Brushy Mountain Association.

The Constitution and By-Laws are read by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.

Vacancies on standing committees are supplied: Education, O. A. Kellar; Temperance, S. C. Owen; Missions, N. M. Felts and N. J. Walker; Sunday Schools, W. S. McLeod and S. C. Owen.

Motion passes empowering Moderator to appoint a committee on Periodicals which he does as follows; E. S. Millsaps, S. C. Owen, and T. B. Phillips.

Motion passes making the word "Missions" include all Missions.

Order of Exercises; Prayer service at 9 a. m.; business meeting 9;30 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; dinner. Resume business at 1 p. m.; and adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercises make announcements. On motion adjourn. Prayer by Elder S. C. Owen.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service by Elder T. B. Phillips. Minutes of preceeding day read and approved. Delegates from Pleasant Hill having arrived, the letter is read by W. J. Bumgarner, and the names of D. C. Laws, S. J. Harrington, and W. V. Mitchell enrolled as delegates.

The report on Education is called, and the same is

read by Elder W. B. Rivenbark, and is spoken to by W. B. Rivenbark, D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and others. The report is adopted,

THE REPORT.

If we consider Education in its broadest meaning, we shall find that it is not an element of civilization alone. It has existed in some form during the whole human period, and as it has been developed by civilization, it has placed the child in a position to posess what the world accepts as truth.

In getting an education the child acquires the cream of human knowledge, for education, like all other arts, attains higher and higher standards.

Christianity has so profoundly effected education that it has been placed on an immovable foundation, and the conception lying at the basis of this educational system is, that it is a natural, progressive development of all the powers and faculties of the human being. But the grandest and most complete conception of education is, that we have the power to develop our minds to harmonize with things both temporal and spiritual.

It is of great importance that we should see that our common schools are taught by well informed, Christian teachers, and for higher education, we recommend the schools at Taylorsville and Hiddenite.

W. B. Rivenbark,
D. W. Pool.

The report on Fundemental Doctrines is read by W. J. Bumgarner, and discussed by Brethren Bumgarner, Owen and Phillips. Adopted after being amended.

THE REPORT.

The fundamental doctrines are those necessary to be believed in order to the salvation of the soul. Prominent among these (1) The divinity and humanity of Christ. See John 1: 1 to 3 and 14. Heb. 1:2 (2) His death, burial, and resurrection, 1. Cor. 15:3; 4. (3) Dependent upon these are the doctrines of human depravity, repentance and faith. (1) Depravity, Gen. 6:5; 8: 21. Jer. 11:9. Rom. 3:10 to 18. (2) Repentance, Luke 13:3 to 5; 16: 30, and (3) Faith: Acts 16:6. So important are these doctrines that they are continually set forth as object lessons in the ordinances of God's house, viz: Baptism and Communion, See Rom. 11:26. Amendment; That in presenting these eternal truths in this manner, we disclaim any intention whatever of establishing a creed or articles of faith or abstract of principles separate and apart from the word of God, or in any manner legislating up-

on or adding to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, but solely because of the sadly apparent neglect of all classes of people in the observance and teaching of these vital doctrines.

W. J. BUMGARNER,
W. E. WHITE,
J. P. GWALTNEY.

The Association adjourns, and Elder J. P. Gwaltney preaches an able sermon. Text: Rev. 3:20

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator calls the Association to order with prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

The letter from Island Ford is received by mail. No delegates. This church requests a letter of dismissal from our body to connect with South Yadkin Association. The request is granted, and the following resolution is offered by Bro. White.

WHEREAS.—It has seemed good to the brethren of Island Ford Church, as they do the Master's work to co-operate with the churches of the South Yadkin Association, therefore

Resolved: That our best wishes, our warmest sympathies, and our Christian love follow them to their new field, and we cherish the precious hope that when life's work is ended, and we enter upon the recompence of reward that awaits the faithful, we shall renew the tender and pleasant associations and christian fellowship that have bound us together "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

Letter from Dover Church is received and read, with John Dison, Walter Robinett, and H. C. Pennel delegates.

The report on Temperance is read by Elder. S. C. Owen and spoken to by Brethren S. C. Owen, J. L. Gwaltney, R. L. Davis, T. B. Phillips and W. E. White. After which it is adopted.

THE REPORT.

Temperance is the moderate use of necessary or needful things, and the total abstinence from unnecessary or harmful things. If this distinction, which is the scriptural, one. was always observed, we

should obviate the necessity for such a report as this. Temperance is usually understood to mean the moderate use of spirituous liquors. This we deny. Total abstinence is the only safe rule. We have had much legislation tending to suppress this traffic. We should see to it that the laws we have are executed, and that, if necessary, others and better ones be enacted.

S. C. Owen.
R. Lee Davis,
J. L. Gwaltney.

Elder L. P. Gwaltney reads the report on Church and Pastoral Relations. Spoken to by L. P. Gwaltney and S. C. Owen. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

This vital question underlies all successful church work, and yet no subject perhaps has been subjected to such dangerous extremes. Take the support of the ministry, though given in the Levitical law. See Num. 18:21, and the principle is certainly incorporated in the New Testament See I. Cor. 9:13, 14, yet this plain Scriptural duty is often neglected to the hindering of the Lord's work and it involves the best interest if not the very life of the church. See Phil. 4:17.

The other extreme is where men either professionally or otherwise lose sight of the Scriptural motive that should prompt a man to preach. They become mercenary and preach to live instead of living to preach. This is the greatest menace to the church in our day, and unless carefully guarded must lead to untold evils. We commend to the brethren a careful study of I. Sam. 12:3 to 6, Samuel's farewell address; John 10:11, 12, an illustration by Jesus Christ, Acts 20:33, 34, the self denial of Paul, his boast in II. Cor. 11:10, his charge to Timothy and to us all II. Tim. 2:2.

L. P. Gwaltney,
D. W. Pool,
G. Z. Bumgarner,

Bro. S. D. Barnes, of the Brushy Mountain Association was cordially recoginzed by the Moderator.

Committee on Religious Exercise make announcements. Adjourned. Benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service by Elder W. B. Rivenbark.

The report on Periodicals is read by the Clerk and spoken to by E. S. Millsaps. Motion passes to suspend further discussion and consider the report on finance. Resuming the regular order, the discussion is continued by T. B. Phillips, J. P. Gwaltney and W. E. White Adopted.

THE REPORT.

What we read more than anything else makes us what we are. This is truer now than ever before since the multiplication of books and news-papers has so greatly increased. The very abundance of reading matter makes it necessary to our well-being as a people that we discriminate carefully in the selection of our family literature. We should read only such literature as will have a wholesome influence. We recommend that our people encourage the reading of the Holy Bible, and our religious papers. First in importance is the Biblical Recorder which should find a place in every home. Then we heartily endorse C. and C. for our young people. We would also recommend the N. C. Baptist and the American Baptist Flag as being worthy of our support. We also endorse the Kind Words Series and the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

E. S. MILLSAPS,
S C. OWEN,
T. B. PHILLIPS.

Sermon by Elder S. C. Owen, Text: Rev. 1:12 to 16. Adjourn for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder R. Lee Davis.

The report on Missions is read by the Clerk and discussed by E. S. Millsaps, J P. Gwaltney, and T B. Phillips. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

The object of all missionary work is the evangelization of the world, or the giving of the Gospel of the Son of God to all nations. The command of our blessed Lord was to go teach all nations. beginning at Jerusalem. So we see that all our missionary work, like charity, should begin at home. We shall divide our subject into three heads, viz: Associational, State, and Foreign. First in importance is Associational Missions, or the work within our own bord-

ers. This work we commend to the churches, and ask that more attention be given to this matter in the future. Let us become strongly intrenched at home, then we shall be able "to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" for the work beyond us.

Next in importance is the State Mission work. Perhaps no agency hasbeen more potent in making our State so strongly Baptist as the unceasing efforts of our brethren to take the whole State for our Baptist Zion. This work is highly commended.

Our Foreign Mission work embraces all our missionary efforts abroad. and the work is now progressing in China, Japan, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and many other Countries and Islands of the seas.

E S. MILLSAPS,
N. M. FELTS,
N. J. WALKER.

In connection with this the following resolution was added by D. W. Pool and adopted.

RESOLVED.—That we recommend that the churches of this Association contiune their contribution, to Bro. Blalock on the Gospel Mission plan.

The Clerk reads the report on duties to the poor, and the same is discussed by J. P Gwaltney and others and adopted

THE REPORT.

The duties of God's people to his poor may be divided into three classes, viz.: Gifts, Encouragement, and Protection.

1. Gifts—Deut 15:8. Open wide thine hand to the poor. Also Prov. 19:47. This includes the support of our Orphanage, the home of the children of our deceased brethren. This institution deserves our hearty support both of our money and our prayers, and we recommend that the churches make a special effort to send a contribution to the Orphanage every year. 2 Encouragement—James 2:2, 5:4.

The poor of the church should be encouraged. 3. Protection—Prov. 2:16. 3:7 to 10, 14:31, 17:5.

J. P. GWALTNEY,
E. S. MILLSAPS.

A collection is taken for the Oraphanage amounting to $6.53.

The Clerk reads the Sunday School Report and the discussion is made a special order for Sunday morning. Adopted.

THE REPORT.

The Sunday School furnishes a good opportunity for every Christian to study the word of God and teach it to others. We believe every church member should heartily engage in this work. It is the place to sow, and the harvest will be reaped in due time. Here the children may be taught to sing, for we are commanded to sing with the spirit and the understanding. But we must learn to do this just as we learn to do other things. We insist that music be made a special feature of the Sunday School work.

We request the pastors of the churches to see that a Sunday School is kept up in the churches.

J. J. H. POOL,
S. C. OWEN,
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J. M. OXFORD.

The Committee on nominations report.

Time—Thursday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1904.

Place—Macedonia Church, Alexander County.

Introductory Sermon—Elder O. A. Kellar; alternate, Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

Education—W. B. Rivenbark, A. F. Sharpe, W. E. White.

Fundamental Doctrines—L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, and J. M Shaver.

Temperance—W. E. White, J. P. Gwaltney, W. S. McLeod.

Church and Pastoral Relation—W. J. Bumgarner, R. L. Davis. G. Z. Bumgarner.

Missions—W. J. Bumgarner, C. L Millsaps, J. J. H. Pool.

Duties to Poor—J. L. Gwaltney, S. A. Godfrey, M. O. Williams.

Sunday Schools—N. G. Sloan, E. S Millsaps, J. P. Stephenson.

Southern Baptist Convention—W. B. Rivenbark, John Harrington.

State Convention—W. J. Bumgarner. G. C. Meadows.

Brushy Mountain Association—J. P. Gwaltney, R. L Davis.

Brier Creek Association—S. A. Godfrey, M. O. Williams.

South Yadkin Association—S. C. Johnson. W. F. Mason.

Caldwell Association -J. M. Shaver. O A. Kellar.

J. E. GILREATH,
G. C. MEADOWS,
S. A. GODFREY.

Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters.

Number of churches reported 20. Total membership 2738. Additions by baptism 94, by letter 15, by restoration 9. Losses: dismiss-

ed by letter 48, excluded 36, 3 churches report 43 erasions from roll, whatever that term may mean, deaths 91. Seven churches report pastor's salary aggregating $285. Six churches report an aggregate expense of $41.85. Three churches report repairs aggregating $81.81. Contributions, Missions, $208.66; Orphanage. $96.02.

Sunday Schools reported 16, enrollment 754, average attendance 440. Six schools use International Helps amounting to 530 quarterlies. Expenses $17.70.

C. L. MILLSAPS,
W. E. WHITE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

CHURCHES,	State Missions.	Foreign Missions,	Orphanage.	Minutes.	Associational Missions	Total.
Antioch,	$	$6 30		$ 80	$	$7 10
Bethel,		3 78		1 40		5 18
Bethlehem,		4 05		90		4 95
Concord,	50	66		50	1 32	2 98
Damascus,		9 25	4 50	80		14 55
Dover,		60		50		1 10
Linney's Grove,		4 00		90		4 90
Lebanon,				1 05		1 05
Little River,				60		60
Mt. Olive,		4 00		95		4 95
Macedonia,				1 00		1 00
Pilgrim,		1 71		65		2 36
Pleasant Grove,	1 00	2 00	1 00	60	1 00	5 60
Poplar Spring,		2 05		80		2 85
Sulphur Spring,		42 00		1 00		43 00
Pleasant Hill,		2 48		55		3 03
Taylorsville		2 06		1 50		3 06
Taylor Spring,		4 50		75		5 25
Three Forks,		3 55		1 55		5 10

A. MAYBERRY,
J. L. GWALTNEY.

On motion of W. E. White, the Clerk is instructed to have 400 copies of the record of this session printed, and retain balance of funds for his services, and to favor our home printers with the work if they do it reasonably and well.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

RESOLVED.—That this Association express its great pleasure and gratiude to Almighty God for the very favorable conditions and environments attending its deliberations.

That our thanks are due and we hereby tender to the brethren and sisters of Poplar Spring Church our thanks for the kind hospitality and hearty welcome with which we have been entertained and for the good order and attendance upon our proceedings.

Offered by Bro. W. E. White.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 2, 1902 to September 26, 1903.

1902, Oct. 2, to balance on hand		$121.78	
By check to	T. L. Blalock		$106 49
" " "	Miss Jennie Edwards		4 00
" " "	Baptist Orphange		4 29
" cash "	J. P. Gwaltney		2 00
" " "	R. L. Davis		2 00
" check "	Treas. State Missions		3 00
		$121 78	$121 78

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received from	Lebanon	Church	$32 42	
" "	Three Forks	"	8 37	
" "	Macedonia	"	3 00	
" "	Poplar Spring	"	4 16	
" "	Antioch	"	4 95	
" "	Little River	"	7 06	
" "	Dover	"	1 91	
" "	Linney's Grove	"	3 20	
" "	Bethel	"	10 00	75 07
Paid by check to T. L. Blalock				75 07
For Orphanage, Macedonia			$1 52	
By check to Treas. Orphanage				1 52
For Foreign Missions, Macedonia			3 80	
" " "	Lebanon		11 80	
" " "	J. W. Watts		25 00	
" " "	Finance Com.		92 99	
" State Missions			1 50	
" Orphanage			5 30	
" Minute Funds			16 10	
" Associational Missions			2 32	158 81
By cash to Clerk for minutes				16 10
" balance on hand				142 71

W. J. BUMGARNER, Treas.

Report of Messengers.

Committee on Religious Exercises make announcements.

Adjourn. Closing remarks and prayer by Bro. W. E. White.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Sunday School work is discussed by R. L. Davis and W. B. Rivenbark, followed by sermon by Elder T. B. Phillips. A colection for Foreign Missions is taken amounting to $4,77. Adjourn for the session

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

E. S. MILLSAPS, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.	No. Scholars.	Teachers.	Average.	Contributions	Number of Quarterlies.
Antioch.	Coleman Payne.	Dealville.	33	2			
Bethel.	D. Williams.	Taylorsville, R, F. D. 3	40	4	35		30
Bethlehem.							
Concord.	W. C. Pierce		50		24		
Damascus.	N. G. Sloan.	Bryantsville,	67	10	33	2 00	1 00
Dover.	J. H. Hoke.						
Island Ford.		Waugh	25	5	18		25
Linney's Grove			15	7	35		
Little River.							
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner.	Swanner.	30	7	25		
Mt Olive	L. R. Goforth.	Kilby.	90	8	65		
Macedonia							
Pilgrim.		Grade.	45	5	30		
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Brewer.	Statesvile.	70	6	40	3 10	1 55
Poplar Spring.	C. L. Millsaps.	Wahoo.	51	6	40		
Sulphur Spring	C. S. Robibett.	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	25	7	25		30
Pleasant Hill.	R. F. Patterson.	Taylorsville,	45	4			
Taylor Spring.	D. C. Laws.	New Hope.	36	5	25		
Taylorsville.	S. A. Godfrey.	Taylorsville.	50	6		4 00	2 00
Three Forks.	E. C. Sloan.						

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch,	D. W. Pool,	Hiddenite. R. F. D 1	R. S. Austin,	Dealville.
Bethel.	L. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1	A. C. Jones,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.
Bethlehem.	J. M. Shaver,	Dealville.	Wm. W. Teague,	Bentley.
Concord.	C. E. Beaver,	Abernethy.	D. P. Gryder,	Hedrick.
Damascus.	J. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1	N. G. Sloan,	Bryantsville.
Dover.	G. Z Bumgarner,	Wahoo.	H. C. Pennell,	Holsclaw.
Linney's Grove	J. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1	J. F. Baker,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1
Little River.	O. A. Kellar,	Avilla.	J. W. Deal,	Kilby.
Lebanon.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Wahoo.	T. L. Bumgarner,	Swanner.
Mt. Olive.	W. J. Bumgarner,	Swanner.	J. J. Lowe,	Kilby.
Macedonia.	W. J. Bumgarner,	Swanner.	J. E. Chatham,	Taylorsville.
Pilgrim.	J. M. Current,	Buck Shoal	J. M. Query,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1
Pleasant Grove.	J. P. Cwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1,	E. S. Millsaps,	Statesville.
Poplar Spring.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Wahoo.	H. C. Barnes,	Wahoo.
Pleasant Hill	John Weatherman,	Jennings.	S. J. Harrington,	Taylorsville.
Sulphur Spring.	D. W. Pool,	Hiddenite. R. F. D. 1	B. F. Patterson,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1
Taylor Spring.	J. M. Current,	Buck Shoal.	L. S. T. Barker,	Grade.
Taylorvsille.	W. B. Rivenbark,	Taylorsville.	E. C. Sloan,	Taylorsville.
Three Forks.	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Wahoo.	A. J. Blankenship,	Taylorsville.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MEMBERSHIP.

CHURCHES	Baptized.	Re'd by letter	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Licentiates.	Ordained Ministers.	Time of preaching.
Antioch	10	1		2		5	102	153	255		2	4th
Bethel	1			3	3	2	62	128	190		2	2nd
Bethlehem	8	1		1	41	1	64	102	166		1	3rd
Concord	6			2			40	70	110			4th
Damascus	2	2	1	2	2	1			196			1st
Dover				4	4		45	70	115		1	2nd
Island Ford			1		1	1	14	22	36			4th
Linney's Grove	21	1			2		47	57	104		1	3rd
Little River	7			1	1	4	53	81	134			1st
Lebanon	2			2	3		47	86	133		1	4th
Mt. Olive	5	3	1	3		4	63	93	156			4th
Macedonia	16	1	2	6	4	1	77	154	231		1	1st
Pilgrim					4	3	43	71	114			1st
Pleasant Grove	3						12	18	30			2nd
Poplar Spring				3	5		44	66	110		1	3rd
Pleasant Hill	8		2		5		41	84	125			3rd
Sulphur Spring	3	5		6	1	1	67	111	178		1	3rd
Taylor Spring	1			1		1	45	68	113			3rd
Taylorsville	1	1		9		1	27	36	63		1	2nd
Three Forks			2	2		2	70	89	159			3rd

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Minister'l aid	Repairs.	Home Missions.	Poor.
Antioch	$55 00			1 20			50		65 37		
Bethel				13 78			1 40				
Bethlehem				4 35			50				
Concord	50 00	11 44		66	1 32	2 00	50			50	
Damascus				9 25		4 50	80				
Dover				2 51			50				
Island Ford		3 40			3 00						
Linney's Grove				7 20			90				
Little River				7 00			60				
Lebanon				44 22			1 05				
Mt. Olive				2 00			95				25 00
Macedonia	25 00	10 00		6 80		1 52	1 00				
Pilgrim				1 71			65				
Pleasant Grove		4 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	60		20 00		
Poplar Spring	25 00			6 21			80				
Pleasant Hill				2 48			55				
Sulphur Spring	40 00			22 00		10 00	1 00				
Taylor Spring				4 50			75				
Taylorsville		12 00	5 00	2 06			1 00			3 00	
Three Forks	75 00			12 92			1 65				

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

The present session of the Alexander Association has been very pleasant and instructive.

Poplar Spring Church was organized July 27, 1872 by a Presbytery consisting of Elders Wm. Pool, and Stephen Medlock, with seventeen members bearing letters from other churches. The name was first "Lambert's Fork," but was later changed to Poplar Spring. The church was first located about a mile North-west of the present site, and was moved to its present location about eighteen years ago. The church has prospered under the leadership of various pastors all these years, and now has a membership of 110.

OBITUARIES.

Sarah S. Warren, wife of Bro. Fred Warren, was born Nov. 11, 1840, and died Oct. 23, 1902. She was a member of Macedonia Church.

William C. Oxford, eldest son of Rev. Isaac Oxford, died Feb. 1903, at the age of 82 years. He was a member of Co. "E" 58 North Carolina troops in the late war. At the time of his death, he was a member of Antioch Church.

Jonas P. White, father of our former Moderator W. E. White, died June 8, 1903, at the age of 81 years. He was a member of Antioch Church.

Elizabeth Jones, wife of Bro J. M. Jones, was born Aug. 23, 1842, and died June 5. 1903. She was the mother of four children all of whom preceeded her to the grave. She was a member at Three Forks.

Sarah A. Watts, youngest daughter of the late Moses Watts, was born April 19, 1849, and died Jan. 16, 1903. She was a member at Three Forks.

Effie A. Norris, the only daughter of Rev. J. B. Pool, and wife of W. B. Norris, was born Oct. 10 1879, and died July 9, 1903. She was a member of the church at Taylorsville, and was an earnest Christian and a zealous worker in the Sunday School.

[The clerk has taken the liberty to cut down the Historian's work. It is impossible to print biographical sketches unless more funds are provided The clerk suggests that more money be collected for minutes. Clerk.]

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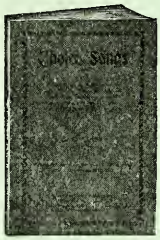

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September 29, 30, October 1, and 2

1904

Moderator, J. W. WATTS, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk, J. J. H. POOL, Taylorsville, N. C.

Next session will be held with Antioch Church, Alexander County, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1905

EXPLANATION.—This is marked Eighteenth to correct a mistake made at Little River in 1898. See motion of Bro. White.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, September 29, 1904.

The eighteenth annual session of Alexander County Baptist Association convenes with Macedonia Church today. The Introductory Sermon is preached by Elder O. A. Keller. Text: Mark 16: 15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an hours intermission the Moderator calls the Association to order and requests Bro. W. S. McLeod to read the 90th Psalm. he having read the same 17 years ago when this Association was organized at this Church. Elder T. E. Redman then led in prayer.

The Moderator calls for letters from the churches, and asks Brethren J. E. Chatham and J. J. H. Pool to read the same. The following Messengers were enrolled:

Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, W. F. Baker, T. L. Bumgarner.
Pleasant Grove—E. S. Millsaps, R. L. Levan, F. M. Teague.
Three Forks—J. J. H. Pool.
Taylorsville—E C. Sloan, W. P. Ingram, A. C. Payne.
Sulphur Springs—B F Patterson, J. Robt. Gwaltney, C. C. Lackey.
Pilgrim—A. Mayberry, B. F. Childers, J. D. Mayberry.
Pleasant Hill—S. J. Harrington, W. H. Childers, G C. Meadows.
Little River—J. T. Rogers, J. P. Deal, J. W. Deal,
Poplar Springs—C. S. Robinette. J. F. Walker.
Bethel—Fred Pool, A. C Jones, I. N. Smith.
Concord—R. C. Clary, A. M. S. Gryder,
Mt. Olive—M. K. Deal, J. J. Lowe, J. F. Clanton.
Taylor Spring—H. T, Williams, D. A. Godfrey, J. P. Williams
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, W. W. McLain, W. F. McLain.
Dover—Walter Robinette, W. D. Mooney, John Dyson.
Macedonia—J E. Chatham, H. C. Christopher, H. L. Warren.
Antioch—J. C. Caldwell, E. L. Johnson, W. E. White.
Damascus—W. F. Mason, J. P. Stout, S. C. Johnson.

Bethlehem—J. U. Teague is present but no letter. On motion, of Bro. W. E, White, he is seated.

Permanent organization being in order, the Moderator appoints Elders T. B. Phillips and T. E. Redman as tellers, who after the ballots are counted announce the following: Moderator, J. W. Watts; Clerk, J. J. H. Pool; Treasurer, W. J. Bumgarner; Historian, W. S. McLeod.

The Moderator announced the following committees;

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of this Church. In absence of the Pastor Bro. W. E. White is appointed in his stead.
Nominations—W. E. White, I. N. Smith, S. C. Johnson.
Digest of Church Letters—A. C. Jones, J. U. Teague, A. Mayberry.
Finances—A. C. Payne, J. P. Williams, J. W. Deal.

Visiting brethren were invited to take seats in the Association and the following brethren accepted: Bro. S, G. Stout of Brushy Mountain Association; Elder T. E. Redman of Brier Creek, and Elder T. B. Phillips, of Charlotte N. C.

Constitution and By-Laws are read by Bro, W. E. White.

Vacancies on standing committee are announced as follows:

Education—E. S. Millsaps, Prof. W. D. Redmond.
Fundamental Doctrines—Elder T. B. Phillips,
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Missions -Elders T. B. Phillips. D. W. Pool.
Duties to the Poor—Elder D. W. Pool, Bro W. F. Mason,
Sunday School—Bro. S. C. Johnson, Elder R. L Davis.

The following order of exercises was adopted: Prayer service at 9 a. m.; business meeting 9;30 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; intermission, Resume business at 1 p. m,; adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercises make announcements. On motion adjourned. Benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. W. F. Mason, Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines read by Elder L. P. Gwaltney, and discussed by Elders L. P. Gwaltney and T. B. Phillips, as one of the most important items before the body. Adopted.

REPORT.

The doctrines of the Bible are to the whole christian system, what the blood is to life. Hence all doctrines are fundamental either to the salvation of the soul, or to the reward in eternity. As to the last named there has been surprising uniformity in thought and feeling in the christian world. We readily if not intuitively associate our conduct here with the reward there. But the doctrines that are primal, vital and essential in salvation, these, are often attacked and practically eliminated. Instance the doctrine of total depravity, certainly a foundation Bible doctrine, is so repugnant to proud, wilful, human nature that while it may be admitted in theory; yet in how many ways we strive to avoid the conclusions that all men are alike guilty before God.

Arguments social, educational, and moral are used to blind us to the fact that all by nature are on a level guilty before God. Your committee give prominence to this foundation truth for two reasons, because there never has been a vital error in the salvation of men, but had its origin in the effort to modify or avoid the humbling truth that all; every race color, and condition are alike depraved and guilty before the law. We affirm that all forms of vital error may be traced directly or indirectly to this source. (b) Sound conceptions of this initial, vital truth must determine largely our orthodoxy on all vital doctrines involved in the salvation of men, Our conceptions, of repentance, faith, regeneration, and salvation by grace alone, must be largely influenced by our conceptions of this foundation, though often neglected truth.

J. P. GWALTNEY
D. W. POOL
T. B. PHILLIPS
} Com.

The report on Education was read by Bro. W. E. White and after speeches by Bro. W. E. White, Elders L. P. Gwaltney, T. E. Redman, T. B. Phillips and R. Davis was adopted.

REPORT.

The present time is a period of rapid transition in the intellectual forces that move the world. Methods of instruction that barely obtain the sanction of custom are soon passed by as antiquated and new conditions and problems in civilization, and progress present themselves for solution. * *. * The camping ground of last night is the starting point of this morning. * * *. These changing conditions of human operations are foreseen and provided for in the Bible. * * * Eligah must stand on Camel's brow until the prophets of Baal are destroyed. * * * The tramp of Jehu's horsemen must be heard until the priestess of Ashtoreth is consumed by the beasts. * * * The persuasive eloquence of Jehoshaphat must turn the people from the "golden calf" to the service of the living God.

Eternal vigilance in all matters and especially in the training of the rising generation in the way it should go, is the grand duty and privilege of every Christian.

The beneficent rays of pure influences should be diffused over and through every school in the land. Schools of this description are near us and deserve our most zealous encouragement.

A. F. SHARPE.
W. E. WHITE.

The Association adjourned for sermon by Elder T. E. Redman. Text: John 10: 28.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder G, Z. Bumgarner. The letter from Bethlehem was handed in and read by Bro. J. E. Chatham.

The report on Temperance is read by Bro. W. E. White and spoken to by Bro. W. E. White, Elder J. P. Gwaltney, Brethren W. W. Teague, V. W. Teague, Elders D. W. Pool, T. B. Phillips, R. L. Davis, and Bro. R. J. Teague. Adopted.

REPORT.

The body of our Anglo-saxon laws were written by the Christian King Alfred the Great and his ideas of right and wrong were derived from the Bible and the criminal laws which we as a people observe, recognize the same general knowledge and classification of crimes as that of the Bible with one notable exception. That exception is the crime of drunkenness. I Corinthians. 6: 9-10, Galatians, 5: 21. We

disclaim any intention of operating church and state together but we do have the right to tell our law-makers that the Bible says that drunkenness is a crime.

W. E. WHITE.
J. P. GWALTNEY.
W. S. MCLEOD.

On motion Missions was made of special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The report of last year on Church and Pastoral Relations is read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and discussed by Elders R. L. Davis, W. J. Bumgarner, B o. J. L. Gwaltney and Elder T. B. Phillips. Adopted.

REPORT.

This vital question underlies all successful church work, and yet no subject perhaps has been subjected to such dangerous extremes. Take the support of the ministry, though given in the Levitical law. See Num. 18:21, and the principle is certainly incorporated in the New Testament See I. Cor. 9:13, 14, yet this plain Scriptural duty is often neglected to the hindering of the Lord's work and it involves the best interest if not the very life of the church. See Phil. 4:17.

The other extreme is where men either professionally or otherwise lose sight of the Scriptural motive that should prompt a man to preach. They become mercenary and preach to live instead of living to preach. This is the gr. atest menace to the church in our day, and unless carefully guarded must lead to untold evils. We commend to the brethren a careful study of I. Sam. 12:3 to 6, Samuel's farewell address; John 10:11, 12, an illustration by Jesus Christ, Acts 20:33, 34, the self denial of Paul, his boast in II. Cor. 11:10, his charge to Timothy and to us all II. Tim. 2.2

L. P. GWALTNEY,
D. W. POOL.
G. Z BUMGARNER.

Committee on Religious Exercises makes announcements. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Elder T. B. Phillips.

The time having arrived for the special order: The report on Missions is read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and discussed by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and T. B. Phillips. At request of Bro.

W. E. White the class sang "Working for the Crown" as being in sympathy with the work. After further discussion by Elder O. A. Keller the report is adopted. On motion of Bro. W. E. White the Bro. Moderator was requested to give all the congregation at the Sabbath service an opportunity to contribute to the Mission work.

REPORT.

The command of our Lord, to give the Gospel to all the world, is just as binding on us to-day, as when it fell from the lips of the Master, more than 1900 years ago. We note with pleasure that much is being done toward carrying out this great command of the Master: but when we consider the great destitution of the fields at home and abroad, unoccupied by the Lord's children, we are made to feel that not a tithe is being done that should be done. We have two plans of doing work—one known as the work of the Boards—the other as Gospel Mission or direct plan of work. We would recommend and urge that all who are in sympathy with the Gospel Mission plan continue, and increase their contributions to this work most of our churches are pledged to the support of Brother Blalock, now on the field, who gives us encouragement because of the success resulting from his labors, Brethren while he is down in the well, can we, realizing our obligation to God and to him, let loose the rope? As a further encouragement, we now have three new Missionaries on their way to China, while others are indicating that they are wanting to go on this direct plan We further urge the importance of at least an annual Gospel Mission Mass-meeting for the encouragement of the many weak and scattered churches which disire to contribute by this direct plan, and invite them to send messengers or letters in regard to their work. Our next Gospel Mission Mass-meeting meets with Globe church 10 miles West of Lenoir on Friday before the 4th Sunday in November.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BUMGARNER,
J. J. H. POOL,
D. W. POOL,

The following resolution was offered by Elder D. W. Pool.

Resolved. That we earnestly recommend, that all our brethern read the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The American Baptist Flag and Missionary Helper. Adopted.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was read by Bro. A. Mayberry. Adopted

REPORT.

Number of churches 19. Total number of members 2,809. Additions by baptism 140. By letter 38. By restoration 12. Dismissed by letter 48. Excluded 34. Two churches report erasions 46. Deaths 37. Nine churches report an aggragate pastoral salary $469.00. Four churches report repairs $341.00. Missions $195.16. Orphanage $96.02 Sunday Schools reported 9. Enrollment 566· Average attendance 319. Expenses $31.93.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. C. JONES,
A. MAYBERRY,
J. U. TEAGUE,

Adjourned for Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney, Text ; Acts. 10 ; 38-49.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. Fortner. Report of committee on Duties to the Poor was read by Elder D. W, Pool. Discussed by Elders D. W. Pool and R. L. Davis. A collection of $5,00 was taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. Speech by Bro. W. E. White. Adopted.

REPORT.

Perhaps no duty is more frequently and forcibly enjoined in Scripture, than giving to the poor. Deut. 15: 8. "Open thine hand wide to the poor." Prov. 19. 17. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" Gal. 2: 9,10, shows that this duty is as strongly emphasized in the New Testament. No greater blessing can be given to a church than to take care of her poor.

Then the number of children at our Baptist Orphanage call loudly for our prayers and contributions. Perhaps no other work of our denomination has been a greater blessing to us than the Orphanage work. And we earnestly commend this work to all our churches.

D. W. POOL,
W. F. MASON,

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. S. C. Johnson and spoken to by Elder R. L. Davis, Bro.

W. E. White, Elders J. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool. Adopted.

REPORT.

The Sunday School is a place where all, both old and young may engage in reading, studying and teaching the word of God. It is a privelege we have and, we think, a duty we owe to our children and to our God, to attend upon this great and important work. And in maintaining a Sunday School, (and we think that every church should have one) we urge the use of the Lesson Helps to aid us in the study of the Word, and also that every school shall have a well organized and a well trained band of singers whose object it shall be to sing as much of the gospel as may be into the hearts and souls of those by whom they are surrounded.

S. C. JOHNSON,
R. LEE DAVIS.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

REPORT.

Time.—Thursday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1905.

Place.—Antioch.

Introductory Sermon.—G. Z. Bumgarner, Alternate R. L. Davis.

Education.—A. F. Sharpe. V. W. Teague, and W. D. Redman,

Fundamental Doctrines.--W. J. Bumgarner, R. L. Davis and J. M. Shaver.

Temperance.—G. Z. Bumgarner, W. W. Teague and J. K. Fox.

Church and Pastoral Relation.—W. S. McLeod S. C. Johnson and O. A. Keller.

Missions.—L. P. Gwaltney, N. G. Sloan and D. W. Pool.

Duties to the Poor.—J. M Fortner, E. C. Sloan and J. G. Harrington.

Sunday Schools.—C. L. Millsaps. S. A. Godfrey and W. E. White.

Messengers.—

Southern Baptist Convention.—O. A. Keller, R. L Davis and R. S. Austin.

State Convention.—J. E. Chatham, J. M. Shaver and G. Z Bumgarner.

Brushy Mountain Association.—W. F. Mason, R. L. Davis and S. A. Godfrey.

Brier Creek Association.—N. G. Sloan and R. J. Bryant.

South Yadkin Association.—S. C. Johnson and Mellville G. Sloan.

Caldwell Association.—R. L. Davis, W. A. Keller and J. C. Munday.

W. E. WHITE,
S. C. JOHNSON.

Bro. A. C. Payne read report of Finance Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Mission	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Associational Mission.	Jennie Edwards.	Total
Antioch	$....	$2 50	$....	$1 70	$....	$....	$4 20
Bethel	.....	19 21	....	1 50	....	....	20 71
Bethlehem	.....	1 75	2 75	47	....	....	4 97
Concord	1 50	1 86	2 00	45	....	....	5 81
Damascus	.....	8 00	4 00	1 20	....	....	13 20
Dover	.....	....	70	85	....	....	1 55
Linney's Grove	.....	4 09	....	1 15	....	....	5 24
Lebanon	....	19 90	....	1 25	....	....	21 05
Little River	....	4 20	....	1 10	....	....	5 30
Mt. Olive	....	....	....	1 11	....	....	11
Macedonia	....	4 67	....	1 30	....	....	5 97
Pilgrim	....	3 05	....	85	....	....	3 90
Pleasant Grove	1 00	2 00	....	85	1 00	....	4 85
Pleasant Hill	....	6 00	....	1 05	....	....	7 05
Poplar Spring	....	5 10	....	1 05	....	1 00	7 15
Sulphur Spring	....	15 00	....	1 05	....	....	16 05
Taylor Spring	....	4 85	....	75	....	....	5 60
Three Forks	....	7 00	....	1 65	....	....	8 60
Taylorsville	2 50	....	2 50	1 00	....	....	6 00

A. C. PAYNE, } Com.
J. W. DEAL, }

REPORT OF MESSENGERS.

State Convention.—Elders W. J. Bumgarner and R. L. Davis.
Brier Creek Association.—Elder D. W. Pool.
Caldwell Association.—Elder W J. Bumgarner.
All reported pleasant, enjoyable meetings.

On motion of Bro. J. E. Chatham it was ordered that the Clerk have 400 copies of the Minutes of this session of the Association printed and distributed among the Churches in proportion to their contribution and retain the surplus, if any, for his services.

On motion of Bro. W. E. White it was ordered that the title page of the minutes of this session of the Association be numbered as the "eighteenth," to correct an error made at the session of 1898 at Little River Church when the number was printed as the "thirteenth" when it should have been the "twelfth" and further that a short explanation of this error be printed on the title page.

The following Resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved: That the gratitude of this Association is due to the Giver of all things, for the favorable environments surrounding the session of its proceedings.

That we extend our thanks to the people surrounding Macedonia, for the kindness extended to the Messengers and visiting Brethren during their stay among them.

The following report of the Treasurer was adopted:

REPORT.

Sept. 26th, 1903 to Oct. 1st, 1904.		
To collection on Sunday	$ 4 77	
To balance on hand Sept. 26th, 1903	142 71	
		$137 31
By check to T. L. Blalock		1 50
" " " Treas. Baptist State Con'n.		5 30
" " "Orphanage at Thomasville		1 32
" paid Bro. Beaver		1 00
" " " J. P. Gwaltney		1 05
An error of		
		$147 48 $147 48

May 1904.

Received of Antioch Church	$ 6 20	
" " Lebanon "	16 25	
" " Mt. Olive "	2 20	
" " Sulphur Spring	12 61	
By check to Bro. Blalock July 6th, 1904		$37 26
	$37 26	$37 26

Sept. 20,

Lebanon Church	$ 10 60	
Rec'd Linney's Grove	11 00	
" " Home Missions	2 00	
Mt. Olive	1 48	
Lebanon Orphanage	2 97	
Received of Finance Committee—Foreign Missions	$107 18	
" " " " State	5 00	
" " " " Orphanage	11 95	
" " " " Minute Fund	20 33	
" " " " Associational Missions	1 00	
" " " " Jennie Edwards	1 00	
" " J. F. Burgess Foreign Missions	1 00	
" " J. W. Watts " "	25 00	
On hand	$200 46	

Respectfully submitted

W. J. BUMGARNER, Treasurer.

On motion of Elder J. P. Gwaltney it was ordered that the money in hands of Treasurer, for Associational Missions, be given to Elder O. A. Keller for services to be performed at Stony Point.

Committee on Religious Exercises makes announcements.

Adjourned by singing "How firm a foundation."
Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

SUNDAY.

Prayer service conducted by Elder D. W. Pool,
Sermon by Elder L. P. Gwaltney, Text Rev. 3. 9,11.
Collection for Missions $14 62.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

J. H. POOL, Clerk.

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	S. S SUPT'S.
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	R. S Austin	Dealville	W. E. White
Bethel	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R. F, D. 1.	A. C. Jones	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.	D. Williams
Bethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Dealville	Wm. W. Teague	Bently	Wm. W. Teague
Concord	C. E. Beaver	Eufola, R. F. D. 1.	D. F. Gryder	Stony Point, R. F. D. 1.	
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	S. C. Johnson	Banton	N, G. Sloan
Dover	G. Z. Bumgarner	Wahoo	Walter Robinett	Holsclaw	
Lebanon	G. Z Bumgarner	Wahoo	T. L. Bumgarner	Swanner	
Linney's Grove	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	J. P. Stevenson
Little River	O. A. Keller	Taylorsville	J. W. Deal	Kilby	
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. E. Chatham	Tavlorsville; R. F. D. 1.	J. H. Hammer
Mt. Olive	W. J. Bumgarner	Swanner	J. J. Lowe	Swanner	
Pilgrim	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite R. F. D. 1.	J. M. Query	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	J D. Mayberry
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Davis	Hiddenite	E. S. Millsays	Stony Point, R. F. D. 2.	E. S. Millsaps
Pleasant Hill	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	S. J. Harrington	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.	Q. C. Meadows
Poplar Spring	S. D. Barnes	Boomer	C. S. Robinett	Wahoo	J. C. Brookshire
Sulphur Spring	D. W. Pool	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	B. F. Patterson
Taylor Spring	J. M. Currant	Buck Shoals	H. T. Williams	Evalin	S. A. Godfrey
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R F. D. 1.	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan
Three Forks	G. Z. Bumgarner	Wahoo	G. C. Teague	Alkalithia	

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES	RECEIV'D				LOST				MEMBERSHIP				
	Baptism	Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Letter.	Excluded.	Death.	Total	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained Ministers	Time of Preaching
Antioch	18	2		20		4	3	7	108	160	268	2	4th
Bethel	19	1	6	26			3	3	77	134	211	2	1st
Bethlehem	4	2		6	5		2	7	62	106	168	1	3rd
Concord	5	2		7	9			9	45	71	116		4th
Damascus	13		1	14	4			4			204		1st
Dover						6		6	40	63	103	1	2rd
Lebanon			1	1	1	1	4	6	44	84	128	1	4th
Linney's Grove	5	2		7			2		50	60	110	1	3rd
Little River						8	1	9	46	80	126		1st
Macedonia	6	1		7	3		6	9	75	152	227		1st
Mt. Olive	2	1		3		2		2	60	95	155		4th
Pilgrim	7		2	9	2	6	1	9	72	47	119		2nd
Pleasant Grove	10	5		15	2		1	3	21	21	42		2nd
Pleasant Hill	15	2		17					47	94	141		3rd
Poplar Spring	13	6	2	21		3		3	48	86	134	1	2nd
Sulphur Spring	4	6		10	1	3	4	8	66	114	180	2	3rd
Taylor Spring	4			4			1	1	67	44	111		3rd
Taylorsville		5		5	4			4	24	40	54	1	2nd
Three Forks	9	2		11	9	5	1	15	84	117	201		3rd

HISTORIAN'S WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

This session of the Alexander Association has been pleasant. The discussion of the various subjects were earnest and sincere, and the different sermons were marked by a desire to glorify the name of the Redeemer.

MACEDONIA CHURCH.

The earliest traditionary history of this church, given by Brother David Warren, places the organization of the church about the year 1840, with eight members, five male and three female members. The earliest records begin with the July meeting 1842. This record does not give the date of organization, name of Presbytery, or constituent members, but says "The Church met, and after prayer. proceeded to the business of the day." It does not give the name of moderator or clerk, and continues in this manner until 1869. Occasional mention is made of the names of Elders Richards, Wm. Garner Ferguson Cascadon, James Reid and Wm. Pool who seemed to have served short terms as pastor. During these twenty seven years Wm. Gryder was clerk. From 1869 until the present the church has been served by the following pastors;—W. A. Pool, Wm. Pool, James Kerley, J. B. Pool, E. David, L. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White J. J. Beach, J. M. Shaver, W. J. Bumgarner. I. M

Crouch, was clerk from 1869 for three years. Then Hosea Christopher for twenty seven years. J. E. Chatham until the present.

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OBITUARIES.

J. W. Jones, son of A. C. and L. P. Jones was born Dec. 3rd. 1875, and died Aug. 12th 1904, aged 28 years, 6 months and 9 days. He professed faith in Christ at about the age of fourteen years and united with the church at Wilkesboro. Afterwards brought his membership to Bethel He died in full triumps of faith.

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Bro John Stafford had been a member of Antioch Baptist Church since Aug. 1902. During most of his christian life he was a sufferer till death relieved him, May 20th, 1904 being 30 years 6 months old. During his short christian course his life was such as to give evidence that he has gone to the better land.

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Lunda L. Teague, daughter of Bro and sister L. L. and Amy Teague was born Jan. 9th, 1869 and died Oct. 21st 1903. She professed faith and joined Three Fork's Church during a meeting held at Herman's School House by brethren J. B. and C C. Pool, in the fall of 1886 She was a remarkably good daughter, kind and affectionately careful of her invalid mother,

dutiful to all the family, faithful and steadfast in her christain walk.

"Sister, thou was't mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze"—
"Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled."

Elizabeth Carolina wife of Powell Austin daughter of H. M. and Rebecca Julian died August 27th, 1904 aged 38 years. She had been a member of Antioch Church for many years. Her former teacher paid a touching tribute to her memory when she was buried.

Elijah Nathan Austin son of S. P. and Henrietta Austin and a member of Antioch Church died Sept. 14th, 1904, aged 21 years,

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IS IT WISE?

WE HAVE been informed that there are Baptist Sunday schools which have yielde the solicitations, personal and otherwise, of an undenominational publishing ho and which are taking, in whole or in part, the literature of that house in prefere to the literature of their own Publication Society. In view of this information we desi put the question, ***Is it wise?*** to pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers who may h been thus influenced.

Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in s parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sor Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a me negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday sc the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground fo denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and develo into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a cra for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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PROCEEDINGS.

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Thursday, September 28, 1905.

The nineteenth annual session of the Alexander County Baptist Association convenes with Antioch Church to-day. The Introductory Sermon is preached by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner. Text: Isa. 58; 3, 14, 15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an hours intermission the Moderator calls the Association to order. Elder Wm. H. Rich led the prayer service. The Moderator calls for letters from the churches and asks Brethren J. E. Chatham and O. F. F. Pool to read the same. The following Messengers were enrolled:

Pleasant Grove—J. J. Levan, R. C. Bowles and R. L. Levan.
Sulphur Springs—W. M. Lackey, J. N Lackey and A. F. Sharpe.
Taylorsville—E. C. Sloan, John G. Harrington and O. F. F. Pool.
Lebanon—W. F. Baker, J W. Chapman and W. J. Bumgarner.
Mt. Olive—J. J. Lowe, R B. Lowe and Herman Deal.
Bethlehem—Wm. W. Teague, Morgan Fox and Quintas Downs.
Three Forks—W. F. Milstead, W. S. McLeod and W. J. Harrington.
Linney's Grove—J. W. Linney. Elis Millsaps and John C. McLain.
Little River—Farley Brookshire, A. K Rogers and N. J. Walker.
Pleasant Hill—G. C. Meadows, W. C. Kerley and D. C. Laws.
Damascus—S. C. Johnson, W. F. Mason and R. F. Sloan.
Poplar Springs—W. N Barnes, D. L Brookshire and G. W. White
Pilgrim—J. M. Query, R. Carson and J. W. Mayberry.
Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, G. M. Fox and C. M. Fincannon.
Taylor Springs—J. P. Williams. T. H. Williams and S. A. Godfrey.

Dover—Walter Robinette, Milton Chapman and M. S. Pennell.
Antioch—E. N. Montgomery, D. F. Cline and J. C. Caldwell.
Bethel—A. C. Jones, J. L. Smith and S. A. Barnett.
Concord—W. H. Pierce, T. P. Lackey and Loney Warren.

An address of welcome is made by Bro. W. E. White and responded to by Bro. W. S. McLeod.

Permanent organization was effected, the present incumbents being elected by acclimation: J. W. Watts, Moderator; J. J. H. Pool, Clerk; W. J. Bumgarner, Treasurer and W. S. McLeod, Historian.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Nominations—W. E. White, A. C. Jones and O. F. F. Pool.
Digest of Church Letters—J. E. Chatham, R. L. Levan and John G. Harrington.
Finances—Wm. W. Teague, J. W. Linney and W. M. Lackey.

Visiting brethren were called for and the following responded: Bro. Wilson White, of the Caldwell Association; Elder I. Hollar; T. M. Snow and A. M. Shaver, from the Brier Creek and Elder Wm. H. Rich, representing the Baptist Orphanage from the South Yadkin.

Reading Constitution and By-Laws was deferred until to-morrow.

Vacancies on standing committees supplied as follows:

Church and Pastorial Relation—Bro. J. L Gwaltney.
Duties to the Poor—J. P. Gwaltney.
Sunday Schools—E. E. Beaver.

On motion of Eld. D. W. Pool time was given to Eld. Wm. H Rich to speak of the Baptist Orphanage. After a touching speech by Bro. Rich a collection was taken for the orphanage, amount $15,00.

The following order of exercises are adopted:

Prayer Service at 9 a. m.; business meeting 9:30

a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; intermission. Resume business at 1 p. m.; adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercise make announcements. On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. W. F. Mason. Minutes of preceeding day read and approved. Reading Constitution and By-Laws dispensed with for the session.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations read by Elder O. A. Keller and discussed by Elder O. A. Keller and Bro. W. S. McLeod. Adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The following report was read before the Brier Creek Association in session at "Franklin Meeting House" in Surry County in 1826 by Thomas Douglas:

'The true ministers of the gospel of Christ are a set of faithful men, chosen of God, and sent out into the world to preach the gospel of Christ, to teach believers in their duty, and to warn sinners of their danger. Being chosen of God and set apart to that office they are bound from a love to God and their fellow creatures, to go out into the world and declare the counsels of God although they meet with many trials in their way.

They are like other men cumbered with things that impede their way through life, having the cares of this life to encounter with they often go with much difficulty; their minds weighed with the cares of their families the Scriptures declaring that they which neglect their families are worse than an infidel and have denied the faith.

And again the cry in them is, 'Woe is me if I preach not the gospel"

Under these circumstances how careful should the followers of God be to untie their hands and make them the more easily to go out into the world to spread the glad tidings of Salvation to dying men,

I consider it the duty of every church to pay strict attention to

the situation of their preachers so that their families are well provided for and that they may go forth the better composed and have more time to read the Scriptures."

The pastors ought to be self sacrificing men teaching by example as well as by precept.

O. A. KELLER, W. S McLEOD. } Com.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, and spoken to by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, R. Lee Davis, J. M. Shaver, C. E, Beaver, D. W, Pool and L. P, Gwaltney. Adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

The fundamental doctrines of the Bible are those doctrines which set forth the true and only plan of the Salvation of the world.

1st.—That all men are sinners. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,

2nd.—That God is a Supreme Being and that all must give an account to Him.

A.—And that He is merciful is set forth in that He gave His Son as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. "For without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins."

B.—That Christ died the just for the unjust, that He was buried and rose again from the dead and ascended home to His Father.

3rd.—That He sent the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Godhead, into the world, and that He is to abide with His people, and that He is to guide and comfort His people to reprove the world of sin of righteousness and of judgement, and that He the Holy Spirit must have the supervision of the work of the Church.

4th.—That the sinner is reconciled to God by repentance toward Him and faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. BUMGARNER, R. LEE DAVIS, J. M. SHAVER. } Com.

Association adjourned for sermon by Elder C. E. Beaver, Text: John: 12: 21.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder I. Hollar.

The report on Temperance read by Bro. Wm. W.

Teague and discussed by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner, Bro. Wm. W. Teague, Elders R. Lee Davis, W. J. Bumgarner, Bro. W. E. White, Elders O. A. Keller and J. K. Fox. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance, and one of the Christian graces, one of the fruits of the spirit, should be cultivated and encouraged according as taught in the Bible.

Then the opposite Intemperance in all things, which carries a great train of evils should be guarded against in the pulpit by warning the church and the world of the evil consequences; And the church should exercise its authority in church discipline, and its christian influence on the world against the evils of intemperance in all things.

G. Z. BUMGARNER,
WM. W. TEAGUE } Com.
J. K. FOX

The report on Duties to the poor read by Elder J. P. Gwaltney and discussed by Elders D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and Bro. R. J. Teague. Adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

The duties to the poor as committed to the churches by Christ Himself will never have and end while time lasts. For the poor ye have with you and ye can do them good whensoever ye will. But me ye have not always.

Let the churches see to it that this important duty around us is not neglected by them.

There are three hundred orphan children at Thomasville. Therefore we recommend that each church in the Association take at least one collection this Winter for that Institution.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. P. GWALTNEY,
J. G. HARRINGTON, } Com.

On motion the report on Sunday Schools is made a special order for 9:30 a. m. to-morrow and that the report on missions follow.

On motion, of Elder L. P. Gwaltney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION TO BRO E S. MILLSAPS.

Resolved: That, as we are informed that our dear Brother Elliott S. Millsaps is deeply aggrieved at the action of the Association at its last session in discontinuing his services as Clerk of this body, that we hereby express our sorrow that the brother is offended that we have entire confidence in his Christian character and intellectual ability and the selection of Bro. Pool was only a matter of personal preference on the part of the Messengers at last session and nothing more.

The following resolution was adopted :

REOLUTION UNITED BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

Resolve: That, we advise the Trustees of the United Baptist Institute to consider the proposition of the school authorities of Taylorsville looking toward the establishment of a graded school upon the premises.

The committee on Religious Exercises announced Elder W. J. Bumgarner preach to-night, Elder R. Lee Davis conduct prayer service to-morrow morning and Elder I. Hollar preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow. Adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Elder R. Lee Davis.

Bro. W. E. White not being present the special order was waived and Bro. J. E. Chatham read the report on Digest of Church letters. Adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

From the letters we get the following:

Number of churches reported 19 with a total membership of 2790.

Additions; by Baptism 81. by letter 35, by restoration 9 Dismissed by letter 45. Erased from roll 30. Death 20.

Nine churches report an aggregate Pastoral salary of $459. Eight churches report repairs and incidental expenses amounting to $334,85 Eight churches report church property aggregating in value $3,700 Foreign Missions $221,28. Jennie Edwards $15,00 Sunday School. Missions $1,00. Ophange $33,14. Minute Fund $18,71. Other objects $27,00

Sunday Schools reported 11. Enrollment 571. Average attendance 351. Expenses $33,05.

J. E. CHATHAM,
J. G. HARRINGTON, } Com.
R. L LEVAN.

On motion of Elder R. L. Davis the Clerk was instructed to prepare a table showing the entire financial exhibit and place the same in the minutes.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. A. C. Jones. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Time—Thursday before first Sunday in Oct. 1906.

Place—Bethel Church.

Introductory Sermon—W. J. Bumgarner. Alternate, J. M. Shaver.

Education—W. J. Sloan, J. L. Teague. O. A. Keller.

Fundamental Doctrines—J. M Shaver, R. L. Downs, Wm. W. Teague.

Temperance—W. S. McLeod, L. P. Gwaltney, A. F. Sharpe.

Church and Pastoral Relations—Van W. Teague, J. L. Gwaltney, W. F. Mason.

Missions—J. M. Fortner, D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver.

Duties to the Poor—S. A. Godfrey, J. P. Gwaltney, E. B. Hendren.

Sunday Schools—J. P. Stevenson, E. S. Millsaps, B. F. Patterson.

Southern Baptist Convention—E. C. Sloan.

State Convention—W. J. Davis.

Brushy Mt. Association—L. R. Goforth, J. E. Gilreath.

Brier Creek " —J. M. Query, M. O. Williams.

South Yadkin—W. M. Lackey, S. C. Johnson.

Caldwell—J. C. Bell, A. M. Pennell.

W. E. WHITE, } Com.
A. C. JONES.

The report on Finance was read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Adopted.

For Report on Finance see Financial Exhibit.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. W. E. White. The discussion was deferred until to morrow. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The present status of the Sunday School work as compared with previous reports is encouraging.

The following passages of the Scriptures are hereby presented for the guidance and inspirations of Sunday School workers.

"And He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up; and as his custom was He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up for to read."

Isa. 32—20. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters "

Matt. 13—3. "Behold a sower went forth to sow "

Pls. 126—5. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Luke 8—11. "The seed is the word of God."

Pls. 126—6. "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his seeds with him."

W. E. WHITE.

Bro. White also read the following paper which was discussed by Bro. W. E. White, Elders D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver and G. Z. Bumgarner. Adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools most earnestly recommend that the brethren set apart one or two suitable brethren whose duty shall be to promote, encourage and strengthen the Sunday School work within the bounds of this Association, to assist in the organization of new schools wherever practicable and to re-vivify and lift those already organized that are languishing.

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool, Brethren, W. E. White and S. C. Johnson were appointed to do the work outlined by the above paper.

The report on Missions is read by Elder D. W. Pool and spoken to by Elders D. W. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner.

The Association then adjourned for the funeral of Bro. Jay Benfield. Preached by Elder J. M. Shaver. Text Lamentations 3:27 with Elder I. Hollar following.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

With surprising uniformity the religious world has agreed that the command given by our risen Lord on the mount of ascension is our authority for the world's Evangelization see Matt 29—19, 20; Mark 15—19; Luke 24—46, 48 In the judgement of your committee this command was addressed primarily to the apostles and their successors as preachers and it is clearly their duty to consecrate the best efforts of heart, mind and hands to carry out this great command trusting Him to supply their every need this duty he has enjoined upon his church

1st. As custodians of the ministry see Acts 15—24, Rev. 2—2, Acts. 13, 1—3. Also this duty is enjoined upon the church in a striking auxiliary sense. Calling for our sympathy, prayers and means in carrying forward the great work of the world's evangelization Phil. 4, 9—20. Your committee earnestly recommend increased contributions to our Missionary in China and that we communicate with them on the direct or church plan as heretofore.

L. P. GWALTNEY, }
D. W. POOL } Com

The following resolutions was offered as an amendment to the report on missons and after speeches on same by Elders R. Lee Davis and O. A. Keller the report as amended was adopted.

Resolved: That, it is the desire of this Association and that we earnestly request the churches to raise the full support of T. L. Blalock during this year and that the Pastor make an earnest effort toward this end and would suggest that one fourth of this amount be sent in quarterly.

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool a collection for T. L. Blalock was set for the close of the 11 o'clock service Sunday.

The report on Education was read by Bro. V. W. Teague and spoken to by Brethren J. Leroy Teague, W. E. White and Elder O. A. Keller. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The needs of education of the present day are too apparent to admit of argument. Good training properly directed is indispensi-

ble to the complete developement of our boys and girls We are glad to recommend the schools at Taylorsville, Hiddenite and Stony Point as schools for our boys and girls, which we believe to be doing a good work in this line.

Respectfully Submitted

V. W. TEAGUE.

The following resolution was offered by Elder D. W. Pool:

Resolve. That, as, we deem it the christian duty of parents to furnish their children with good literature, that we earnestly recommend that all our brethren read the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Flag and Missionary Helper. Adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was adopted.

For Treasurers Report see Financial Exhibit.

REPORT OF MESSENGERS.

Brier Creek Association visited by Elder D. W. Pool.

Brushy Mountain Association visited by Elder O. A. Keller.

South Yadkin Association visited by Elder R. Lee Davis.

Caldwell Association visited by Elders J. M. Shaver, W. J. Bumgarner and Bro. R. L. Downs.

The Clerk was ordered to have 400 copies of the Minutes printed and distribute them among the churches in proportion to the amount of the Minute fund, also to have the copies up to the present time bound.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved,—That the gratitude of this Association is due to Him who in wisdom rules all things, for the pleasant session and favorable environments surrounding this session of its proceedings.

That we extend our thanks to the people about Antioch for their kindness during our stay among them.

On motion adjourned.

Closing service conducted by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

SUNDAY.

Prayer service by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

Speeches on Sunday Schools by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner, Bro. W. E. White and Elder D. W. Pool.

Sermon by Elder R. Lee Davis. Text John 12—21, 24, 32.

Collection for T. L. Blalock. $35,61.

J. W. Watts, Moderator.

J. J. H. Pool, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Restored	Total.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Ordained Ministers	Time of preaching.
Antioch..... ..	2	8	1	11					105	156	261		4th
Bethel.....		1	3	4		1	1	2	79	134	213	2	1st
Bethlehem	7	2		9	3			3	64	111	175	1	3rd
Concord.....	12	2		14	6			6	41	69	110		4th
Damascus.....					3	3	3	9			209		1st
Dover.					2	2	1	5	40	55	95	1	2nd
Lebanon	2			2		2		2	45	85	130	1	4th
Linney's Grove.	20	3	2	25	3	1	1	5	57	74	131	1	3rd
Little River....	1	1		2	1	1		2	44	81	125		1st
Macedonia	3			3	1	4	3	8	72	149	221		1st
Mt. Olive	1	2		3	8	3	2	13	48	72	118		3rd
Pilgrim.....	6	2	2	10	3		2	5	74	50	124		2nd
Pleasant Grove.		3		3			1	1	22	22	44		2nd
Pleasant Hill..	7			7	2			2	48	97	145		4th
Poplar Spring..	5	7		12	3			3	53	69	122	1	2nd
Sulphur Spring	3	3		6	2		2	4	68	114	182	1	3rd
Taylor Spring..	2			2					47	76	123		3rd
Taylorsville ...	4	5		9			1	1	28	39	67	2	2nd
Three Forks...	9			9	2		3	5	83	122	205		3rd

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFIC.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch.	D. W. Pool,	Taylorsville. R. F. D. 3.	R. S Austin,	Dealville.
Bethel.	L. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	A. C. Jones,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.
Bethlehem.	James M. Shaver,	Dealville	Wm. W. Teague,	Bently
Concord.	C. E. Beaver,	Eufola.	D. F. Gryder.	Stony Point, R. F. D.
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney,	Mt. Pisgah, R. F. D. 1.	S. C. Johnson,	Statesville. R. F. D. 7.
Dover.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	Walter Robinette,	Avilla.
Lebanon.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	T. L. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.
Linney's Grove.	J. P. Gwaltney,	Mt. Pisgah, R F. D. 1.	J. F. Baker,	Hiddenite, R F. D. 1.
Little River.	O. A. Keller,	Taylorsville.	N. J. Walker,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 7.
Macedonia.	W. J Bumgarner.	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	J. E. Chatham,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 1.
Mt. Olive.	W. J. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	J. J. Lowe,	Poors Knob, R. F. D. 2.
Pilgrim.	J P. Gwaltney.	Mt. Pisgah.	J. M. Query,	Mt, Pisgah.
Pleasant Grove.	R Lee Davis,	Hiddenite.	E. S. Millsaps,	Stony Point, R. F. D. 2.
Pleasant Hill.	L. P. Gwaltney.	Hiddenite, R. F. D 1.	S. J. Harrington,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.
Poplar Spring.	S. D. Barnes,	Boomer, R. F. D. 1.	C. S. Robinette,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.
Sulphur Spring.	D. W. Pool,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.	B. F. Patterson,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 2.
Taylor Spring	J. M. Currant,	Buck Shoals.	H. F. Williams,	Evalin.
Taylorsville.	L. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	E. C. Sloan,	Taylorsville.
Three Forks.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	J J. H. Pool,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 4,

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Foreign Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Jennie Edwards.	Minute Fund.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	$ 46	$ 11 55	$	$ 5 00	$ 1 50	$ 18 20	$	$82 25
Bethel	75	17 15			1 30	65	6	164 45
Bethlehem		3 20			75			3 95
Concord	75	1 40	2 08		56	16		93 04
Damascus		10 45	5 00		1 40			16 90
Dover		1 00			60			1 60
Lebanon	25	52 69			1 05		19 00	97 74
Linney's Grove		10 50			1 30			11 80
Little River	23	4 33			1 00		13 50	41 83
Macedonia	50	8 45			1 00			59 45
Mt. Olive	25	6 17			75			31 87
Pilgrim		5 00			80	4 26		10 00
Pleasant Grove.		11 00	7 76		70			19 46
Pleasant Hill		5 75			75			6 50
Poplar Spring		6 00			1 00			7 00
Sulphur Spring	65	42 00	13 30		1 00			121 30
Taylor Spring		2 50			65			3 15
Taylorsville	75	15 00	5 00		1 00	8 95	22	126 95
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Concord.	
Damascus.	N. G. Sloan.
Dover.	[J. M. Fortner.]
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Linney's Grove.	
Little River.	
Macedonia.	
Mt. Olive	L. R. Goforth.
Pilgrim	J, D. Mayberry.
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Pleasant Hill.	
Poplar Spring.	Jno. C. Brookshire
Sulphur Spring.	B. F. Patterson.
Taylor Spring	S. A. Godfery.
Taylorsville.	E. C. Sloan.
Three Forks.	

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

The present has been one of the best sessions of the Association. The attendance was unusualy large from the very beginning. The speeches were characterized, not so much for their length as from the earnestness of the speakers. The collections for the Orphanage and Mission larger than ever before. The hospitality of the church and community was unbounded. Upon the whole it was a great spiritual meeting.

ANTIOCH CHURCH.

For the History of Antioch Church from its organization till the session of The Alexander Association in I8— see minutes of that session written by J. B. Pool.

Rev L. P. Gwaltney was pastor at that time and served until September, 1889. D. W. Pool was called to the pastorate in December, 1889 and served until October, 1893. J. M. Shaver was called in October, 1893 and served until July 1897. D. W. Pool was called again in January, 1898 and is still serving.

W. E. White was clerk in 1888 and served until October, 1890. J. T. Moore, was elected clerk in October, 1890 and served until July, 1892. R. S. Austin was elected clerk about August, 1892 and is still serving. J D. Caldwell was assistant clerk and filled the clerks place from September 2nd, 1893 to September 21st, 1895.

CENTRE CHURCH.

The Historian deems it appropriate that a sketch of Centre Church be given here.

It was organized April 14th 1854, by a presbytery consisting of Burton Bradley and James Reed, with the following members to wit: Burton Reed, E. C. Oxford,

Andrew N. Reed, Andrew Reed, Nancy Reed, Margaret E. Reed, Mary L. Reed, Elizabeth E. Oxford, Sarah Munday, Anna Munday, Hiley Munday and Nancy Payne. These are all dead except Andrew Reed who lives in Cook county Texas and Hiley Munday now Hiley Keller.

One of the ruels adopted at the constitution of the church was that Baptists who were discriminated against in other churches on account of being "Sons of Temperance" might be received upon application.

E. C. Oxford was elected church clerk who retained the position until he entered the Confederate service in 1864. A. B. Oxford was clerk until he emigrated to Missouri in 1866. He was succeeded by William C. Oxford who resigned in 1871 when Isaac Newton Bradburn was elected and continued until the Church dissolved.

Burton Bradley was pastor the first year. He and J. J. Watts were jointly pastors for the next year. R. L. Steele was pastor from February 1st, 1856 to April 2nd, 1859. Smith Ferguson to March 31st. 1860. James Reed to January 1st, 1862. J. H. West to December 3rd, 1863. R. H. Moody, to December 1865. J. H. West and Isaac Oxford jointly and part of the time alternately to August 1st, 1871. G. D. Sherrill to May 1873. J. H. West to the dissolution of the church on the 5th, Saturday in January 1876.

Rev. James Reed joined the church by letter immediately after its organization. Amanda A. Oxford was the first that joined by baptism.

By a resolution of the church in July 1863 the position of the church on Temperance was published in the Biblical Recorder.

The church was orginally organized in the schoolhouse of Dist. No. 32, but afterward built an excellent house which was used both for a meeting-house and a high school near Ellendale Springs. The first sessions were taught by Hugh M. Stokes a thorough scholar and brother of Governor Stokes. Subsequent sessions were taught by Miss Smith, Hugh A. Oxford, W. S. Pool, R. H. Moody, James B. Pool and A. F. Somers. A teachers Institute supported by the State and Peabody Fund, was conducted by W. E. White then County Superintendent from 1872 to 1875. The house was burned by an incendiary on the night of September 11th, 1875 together with a valuable library, maps and good school furniture.

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OBITUARIES.

Bro. J. J. Keller was born Dec. 12th 1853, and died Sept. 3rd 1895. He professed faith in Christ and joined Antioch Church about twenty-five years ago. He was faithful and earnest, doing his duty as he saw it, fearlessly. His influence over his family was great and he leaves a large and respectable family and many friends to mourn his absence, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Sister S Lizzie E. White, wife of Bro. James A. White, born June 7th 1852. and died Dec. 16th 1904. She joined Macedonia Church in early girlhood and afterwards brought her letter to Antioch Church She was a quiet, gentle, unobtrusive woman. A kind, faithful wife, an affectionate mother, a good and obliging neighbor and an earnest christian. "She has done what she could."

Bro. Jay Benfield, son of Bro. Daniel Benfield and wife, —— born——18——and died Sept. 29th 1905. He was buried at Antioch Church Saturday of the Association. He has been a member of the church but a little over a year. He was a good boy, an upright young man. The church and community has lost a faithful member. "Not lost, but gone before."

Bro. A. Mayberry was born Nov. 24th 1839, and died April 20th 1905. Joined the church at Pilgrim Sept. 4th 1888 and was a consistent and useful member until his death; always ready to work for the

good and upbuilding of his church and the cause of his Master. Loved by his church and honored and respected by all who knew him, his place will be hard to fill Truly "a great man is fallen in Isreal,"

Sister Retta Harrington was born Feb. 15th 1880 and died June 14th 1905. She was converted at McLain's school house, and joined the church at Pilgrim Sept. 30th 1894. She was a kind and affectionate daughter, a loving and careful wife, a sincere and devoted christian. "Who can find a virtuous woman; Her price is far above rubies."

Bro·——Mayberry was born 18——and died Sept. 30th 1905. He was an earnest and faithful member of Pilgrim Church and it was with heavy hearts that the people were told, on Saturday of the Association, that another beloved deacon, in the church, was bidden "come up higher" and that Elders J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney were gone to pay their last respects to his remains and comfort the bereaved family.

Sister Martha S Oxford, wife of Bro James Oxford, born Nov. 13th 1870, and died June 7th 1905. She joined Three Forks Church in early life and though for many years much afflicted, she was an uncomplianing christian woman. She was the oldest daughter of Bro. B. H. Brookshire and wife, Mary. She leaves a husband and several small children, brothers and sisters to mourn their loss.

Sister Mary E. Brookshire, wife of Bro. B. H. Brookshire, born Oct. 17th 1839, and died June 22nd 1905. For half a century she had been a member of the Three Forks Church. She was one of the most punctual members in attendance,—nearly always being in her place. Her life was quiet, orderly and cheeerful. Servant of God, "Well done."

Sister Fracis L. Brookshire, youngest daughter of Bro. B. H. Brookshire and wife, Mary, born Jan. 3rd 1875. and died Aug. 15th 1905. She joined Three Forks Church in early girlhood and now we trust reaping the reward of the faithful.

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PROCEEDINGS.

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Thursday morning, Oct. 4th 1906.

The twentieth annual session of the Alexander County Baptist Association convened with Bethel Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner. Text: John 3 : 7.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Bro. W. S. McLeod read John 17. Prayer by Eld. R. Lee Davis. Letters from the churches were called for and Brother J. E. Chatham and S. C. Johnson were asked to read the same. The following Messengers were enrolled:

Taylorsville—E. C Sloan, Thomas Watts and J. G. Harrington.
Concord—T. P Lackey, W. C. Pierce and F G. Gryder.
Damascus—S. C Johnson, M. G. Sloan and C. S. Johnson.
Sulphur Springs—B F. Patterson, J. R. Gwaltney and John Blankenship.
Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, J. H. Hammer and Fred Warren.
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Bethel—A. C. Jones, W. F. Childers and G. W. Par'eir.
Pleasant Hill—W. C. Kerley, S. J. Harrington and D. C. Laws.
Pilgrim—J. C. Millsaps, J. W. Mayberry and J. M. Query.
Taylor Springs—S A. Godfrey and H. T. Williams.
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Linney's Grove—J. C. McLain. Wm Bowles and J F. Baker.
Dover—W. S. Robinette. Geo. B. Pennell and W. D Mooney.
Little River—J. T. Rogers, J. P. Deal and Q Z. Bumgarner.
Pleasant Grove—J. J Levan and S. W. Grant.

Three Forks—J. J. H. Pool, A. L. Johnson and Reuben Childers
Bethlehem—Elijah Teague, Pinkney Morrison and Wm. W. Teague.
Antioch—J. C. Bell, Z. V. Johnson and Zeno Smith.

Permanent organization. On motion of Eld. L. P. Gwaltney the present incumbents were elected by acclimation: J. W. Watts, Moderator; J. J. H. Pool, Clerk; W. J. Bumgarner, Treasurer and W. S. McLeod. Historian.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercies—Pastor and Messengers of Bethel Church.
Nominations—W. E. White. S. C. Johnson and J. M. Fortner.
Digest of Church Letters—A. C. Jones, H. S. Deal and John T. Rogers.
Finance—J. E. Chapman, J. W. Chapman and J. J. Levan.

New churches were called for and Bro. J. W. Watts presented a letter from the Baptist Church at Liledoun which was received and Brethern J. K. Fox, David Mitchel and J. W. Watts were enrolled as messengers.

Visiting Brethern were called for and Eld. Hight C. Moore, Sunday School Secretary of North Carolina. and Eld. J. A. Scarboro, of Summit, Ga., responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

Reading Constitution and By-Laws dispensed with.

Vacancies on standing committees filled as follows:
Education—R. Lee Davis and J. G. Harrington.
Fundamental Doctrines—J. E. Chatham.
Church and Pastoral Relations—W. J. Bumgarner and J. Y. Williams.
Missions—J. A. Scarboro.
Duties to the Poor—J. J. Levan.
Sunday Schools—Hight C. Moore.

The following order of exercise were adopted: Prayer services at 9 a. m. Business meeting 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Intermission. Resume business at 1 p. m. Adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Bro. P. H. Mason would conduct Prayer Service and Eld. Hight C. Moore would preach to-morrow.

On motion the report on Sunday Schools was made a special order for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. Hight C. Moore.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer Service conducted by Bro. P. H. Mason.

Minutes of preceeding day read and approved.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. W. S. McLeod and addresses on same were made by Bro. W. S. McLeod, Elders W. J. Bumgarner, J. A. Scarboro and Hight C. Moore. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance has been defined as the moderate use of all things necessary to our wants and the total abstinence from all things unnecessary or hurtful. Your committee believe that we can be intemperate in our talk Matt. 5, 34-37. Our dress Matt. 6, 28-31. Our eating Daniel, Matt 6, 31. Our drinking Prov. 20, 1; Hab. 2, 15; 1st Cor. 9, 25

It is with alarm that we notice the fearful strides the drink habit is taking upon our people and especially the hold it has upon the youth of our land. It has invaded the sanctity of the church as well as the social circle. The all important question of the day is how shall it be arrested? This is not in our province to say. But we hold it to be an evident truth that the words of Holy Write upon this subject should receive the earnest attention of this body and that our churches and pastors be earnestly instructed to use all scriptural means to arrest this mighty evil.

W. S. McLEOD,
L. P. GWALTNEY, } Com.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Eld. Hight C. Moore. After an address on Sunday Schools by Eld. Hight C. Moore, the Association left the sub-

ject open until the afternoon and adjourned business for preaching By Eld. Hight C. Moore. Text John 20, 21; Acts. 8, 14. Benediction by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. J. E. Chatham.

Remarks on Sunday Schools were made by Bro. W. E. White, Elders Hight C. Moore and J. A. Scarboro. The report was adopted and turned over to the Committee on Nominations to arrange for a Sunday School Convention on the fifth Sunday in March as recommended in the report.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday School is the church engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures, that this work is clearly authorized in the Bible, that it is the richest and ripest field for Christian endeavor at the present time, that our State Convention is seeking wisely to emphasize it as a factor in our developement, and that for us as churches an as an Association it presents a wide open door of splendid opportunity, Your Committee would earnestly recommend:

1st.—That all our churches put more life, energy and consecration into this imperative teaching work committed to them

2nd.—That every Sunday School be kept open, if possible, for every Sunday in the year.

3rd.—That special effort be made by pastors, superintendents and other workers to enlist in the Sunday School the adult members of our churches as well as an increasing attendance on the part of the children.

4th.—That we encourage the organization of branch and mission schools wherever practicable so that a Sunday School may be accessible to every man, woman and child within our Associational bounds.

5th.—That each school send full reports to the Association so that the Sunday School table in the minutes may contain complete statistics.

6th.—That our schools provide themselves with Baptist literature (as that furnished by our Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.)

7th.—That we arrange with our State Sunday School Secretary to hold within our territory during the coming year one or more Sunday School Institutes with a view to training our officers and

teachers and improving our Sunday School conditions.

8th—That we have a Sunday School Convention by utilizing our fifth Sunday meeting next March devoting it entirely to the consideration of Sunday School topics and unifying of our Sunday School force.

9th.—That we heartily endorse the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention.

B. F. PATTERSON,
HIGHT C. MOORE. } Com.

On motion Education was made a special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was read by Eld. J. M. Shaver and discussed by Eld. J. M. Shaver and J. A. Scarboro. Adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

What we understand by Fundamental Doctrines are the scriptual truths which most directly underly and effect the salvation of men and the christian service that should follow. The Doctrine of Regeneration or the new birth is fundamental since no adult is saved without it. John 3–3. Regeneration consists in giving a holy dispension to the soul and is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel the evidence of which appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

J. M. SHAVER,
Wm. W. TEAGUE, } Com.
J. E. CHAPMAN.

The report on Duties to the Poor is read by Bro. E. B. Hendren and after remarks by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney, Bro. W. E. White, Elders R. Lee Davis, W. C. Meadows and J. M. Shaver. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

There are two classes of poor. The indigent poor and the indolent. The indigent poor are those who become poor from sickness, misfortnue and occurrences which are unavoidable. This class of poor should have the special care sympathy and help of the Christian people. Read Deut 15, 7—11; Prov. 19—17. The indolent poor are those who have no energy, industry, perseverance or economy about them and who do not try to procure the necessaries of life. They should

also have our sympathy and encouragement. We should try to inspire a more noble spirit within them and help them some if need be in order to start them on the road to prosperity. Especially we should not oppress them because they are poor. Prov 14—31.

Among the worthy poor there are upwards of 300 children at the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. supported by the churches of this State. We as your Committee would recommend that each church in this Association take a collection for that worthy object.

J. P. GWALTNEY,
Chairman Com.

The Committee on religious exercises reports. Eld. W. C. Meadows conduct prayer service and Eld. J. M. Shaver preach to-morrow.

Visiting Brethren asked for, and Eld. W. C. Meadows, from Brushy Mt., and Eld. T. E. Redmond, from Brier Creek, were recognized.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Eld. W. C. Meadows.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer Service conducted by Eld. W. C. Meadows.

The report on Church and Pastorial Relations was read by Bro. W. E. White and spoken to by Brethren W. E. White and J. L. Gwaltney. Elders J. P. Gwaltney and J. A. Scarboro. Adopted

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORIAL RELATIONS.

The most cordial relations now exist throughout the bounds of this Association between the Pastors and Churches. The churches have confidence in their pastors and in turn the pastors are faithfully performing their duties to their charges. We honestly believe this statement stands without any exception or qualification.

We are very glad indeed to report this condition but there are not enough pastors to go around and some of those we have are approaching the limit where active labors with them will cease. What are we going to do about it? Who will take their places? Your Committee most respectfully suggest:

1st—That this Association earnestly and urgently request every church to set apart special times of prayer and then with deep solicitude pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more laborers into His Harvest.

2nd.—That each and every church go to work, at once, and build up Bible Classes for both old and young so that our boys and girls may thereby receive divine inspirations to work in the Masters Vinyard and training for that work.

J. Y. WILLIAMS, Chmn.

On motion of Bro. White it is ordered that the hearing of Reports of Committees that have merely business matter in charge is hereby referred to the Executive Board of the Association for action and that their action upon the same shall be the action of the body.

The Report on Missions was read by Eld. D W. Pool and spoken to by Bro. J. M Fortner, Elders D. W. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner. On motion adjourned business for preaching by Eld. J. M Shaver. Text Matt. 16, 18—19.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $8,05. Intermission.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. W. C. Meadows. Missions being still open a speech was made by Eld. J. A. Scorboro after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The striking command of our risen Lord, given on the Mount of Ascension, is our authority for the worlds evangelization. See Matt. 28, 19—20; Mark 16. 15—16; Luke 24. 46—48 It is our opinion that this command was addressed primarily to the apostles and their successors as preachers and it is their imperative duty to consecrate the best efforts of heart, mind and hands to carry out this great command trusting Him to supply their every need through his body—the church —We believe the churches are the custodians first of the Ministry, Acts. 13, 1—3; Acts. 15, 24; Rev. 2, 2; in their ordination and sending

them forth to preach. Also this duty is enjoined upon the church in a very striking auxiliary sense calling for our sympathy, prayers and means in carrying forward this great work of the worlds evangelization, Phil. 4, 10—20.

Your Committee earnestly solicits the preachers to try to lay the burden of this great work upon the hearts of every church member that we may enlarge our contributions to our missionaries in China and that we continue to contribute on the direct or church plan.

J. M. FORTNER,
D. W. POOL.
J. A. SCARBORO.
J. M. SHAVER. } Com.

Elder J. M. Shaver read the Report of last year on Education with this change. In place of school at Taylorsville, say school which ought to be at Taylorsville, and after remarks by Elder J. M. Shaver, Brethren J. L. Gwaltney and W. E. White the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The needs of education of the present day are too apparent to admit of argument. Good training, properly directed, is indispensible to the complete development of our boys and girls. We are glad to recommend the school which ought to be at Taylorsville and the schools at Hiddenite and Stony Point as schools for our boys and girls which we believe to be doing a good work in this line.

J. M. SHAVER.

Bro. W. E. White read the report of committee on Nominations.

NOMINATIONS

Time—Thursday before first Sunday in October 1907.
Place—Bethlehem Church.
Introductory Sermon—R. L Davis, Alternate—D. W. Pool
Time for Sunday School Union Meeting—March 30th, 31st 1907.
Place—Taylorsville Church.
Committee to organize and conduct said meeting—J. E. Chatham, Chmn. B. F. Patterson.
Introductory Sermon—J. M. Shaver.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Education—A. C. Jones, W. W. Teague, A. F. Sharpe.

Fundamental Doctrine—L. P. Gwaltney, S. C. Johnson, R. L. Davis.

Temperance—J. L. Gwaltney, Moses A. Teague, Herman S. Deal

Church and Pastorial Relations—N. G. Sloan, John W. Pharr W. E. Linney.

Missions—D. W. Pool, W. S. McLeod, L P. Gwaltney.

Duties to the Poor—G. Z. Bumgarner, E. C. Sloan, Arthur L. Watts.

Sunday Schools—W. J. Davis, T. P. Lackey, W. A. Hollar.

State Convention—J. Y. Williams, R. Lee Davis.

Brushy Mt. Association—W. S. Hendren, J. Wiley Chapman.

Brier Creek " —D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney.

South Yadkin " —N. G. Sloan, R. C. Bowes.

Caldwell " —W. S. Robinette, W. D, Mooney.

W. E. WHITE, } Com.
J. M. FORTNER, }

CORRESPONDENTS.

Eld. D. W. Pool visited Brushy Mt. Association and Elders. J. P. and L P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool Brier Creek. All reported pleasant harmonious sessions.

The Clerk was instructed to have 400 copies of Minutes printed and distributed and retain remainder of Minute Fund for his services.

On motion of Bro. White, Elders W. J. Bumgarner and J. M. Shaver were appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to this people for their hospitality.

Resolve. That the gratitude of this Association is due to Him who in wisdom rules all things, for the pleasant session and favorable environments surrounding this session of its proceedings.

That we extend our thanks to the people about Bethel for their kindness during our stay among them.

On motion the chair was instructed to appoint a committee of three to draft an expression of sympathy to our brother Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner and that a copy be spread on the Minuites and one sent to Bro. Bumgarner. Chair appointed Bro. W. E. White, Elders L. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool, who report as follows:

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We the Alexander County Association now in session desire to express our sincere appreciation of and confidence in Bro. George Z. Bumgarner as a minister and as a christian gentleman and to declare that in this recent postal trouble we believe him innocent of any intentional wrong because his former character has been spotless. We furthermore declare that this word of sympathy has not been solicited by him, he not being present at this session.

J. W. WATTS, Mod.
J. J. H. POOL, Clerk.

Committee on religious exercises report. Eld. J. P. Gwaltney conduct prayer service and Eld. J. A. Scarboro preach to-morrow.

On motion of Eld. J. P. Gwaltney adjourned with remarks by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney, singing by choir and prayer by Bro. J. W. Watts.

The statistical table covers the report of Finance Committee.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters report.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There are in this Association twenty churches with a total membership of 2888. Additions by baptism 160, by letter 29, restoration 7, dismissed by letter 105, erased from roll 2, deaths 22. excluded 12.

Nine churches report an aggregate Pastoral salary of $474,65. Seven churches report repairs and incidental expenses amounting to $296,50. Seven churches report church property aggregating $3,300.

The letters report for Foreign Missions $268,84.

Orphanage $51,01. Minute Fund $21,80. Other objects $62,62. Poor $10,00.

Thirteen Sunday Schools report an average attendance of 552 scholars. Sunday School expenses $13.85.

A. C. JONES, }
H. S. DEAL. } Com.

Treasurer's Report from Oct. 1st 1905 to Oct. 6th 1906

Funds on hand Oct. 1905		$297,03.
By check to T. L. Blalock	$274,95.	
" " " Thomasville Orphanage	22,08	
Total	$297,03.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for year as follows.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphange
Antioch	$	$ 26,08	$ 15,10
Lebanon		35,45	
Bethlehem		4,60	,85
Concord	4,28		
Damascus		12.64	6,50
Dover		2.45	
Linney's Grove		16,71	
Little River		13.60	
Macedonia		9,42	3,16
Mt. Oilive		10,83	
Pilgrim		6,15	
Pleasant Grove		13,75	
Pleasant Hill		5,45	
Popular Springs		1,76	
Sulphur Springs		46,65	
Taylor Spring		3,55	
Taylorsville		20,00	5,00
Three Forks		11,11	,75
Bethel		20,00	
Berea		15,16	
J. W. Watts		100.00	
Collection for Orphanage			8,05
Collections for Missions		30,79	
Total	4,28	406,15	39,41
Grand Total $449,84.			

ay 14th 1906. By check to T. L. Blalock		$58,46
" " " " " " Orphanage		7,13
Total		$65,59
ct 6th 1906 balance on hand	$384,45	
Forward direct from churches.		
Sulphur Springs to Orphange		$12,50
Pleasant Grove " "		5,00
Taylorsville " "		3.00
" Foreigh Mission Board		5,00

W. J. BUMGARNER, Tres.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Special pray service for more laborers in the Lord's Vinyard conducted by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney.

Sunday School talk by Bro. W. E. White.

Sermon by Eld. J. A. Scarboro. Theme, Jesus.

Collection for Foreign Missions $30,79.

Closed with prayer by

J. W. WATTS, Mod.

J. J. H. POOL, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deaths	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained Ministers.	Time of Preaching
Antioch	37		1	38	9		5	14	120	165	285	1	4th
Bethel	31	7	2	40	3	2	2	7	99	146	245	2	1st
Bethlehem	2	4		6	15			15	62	98	160		3rd
Concord	4			4					45	73	118		4th
Damascus	11	3	1	15	9		2	11			212		1st
Dover					8	3	3	14	38	52	90	1	2nd
Lebanon	2			2	8			8	42	80	122	1	4th
Liledoun	21			21							41	1	2nd
Linney's Grove	16	3		19	3	2		5	62	82	144	1	3rd
Little River	1	5		6	4		2	6	43	82	125	1	4th
Macedonia					8	4	4	16	64	144	208		1st
Mt. Olive	25	1		26					57	88	145		3rd
Pilgrim	3			3	1	1	2	4	75	48	123		2nd
Pleasant Grove	2	3		5	6		1	7	18	21	39		2nd
Pleasant Hill					3		1	4	46	95	141		3rd
Popular Springs	2	1		3	3			3	53	92	145		1st
Sulphur Springs	2	1	1	4	8	1		9	66	112	178	1	3rd
Taylor Springs	1		2	3	1			1	67	46	113		3rd
Taylorsville					8			8	24	39	63	2	2nd
Three Froks					9	1		10	79	118	197		3rd
Total.	160	28	7	195	103	14	22	142			2894	11	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICE.	Enrolled.	Average.	Sunday School Expenses.
Antioch.....	W. E. White,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 4.	75	45	$
Bethel.	D. Williams,	Poor's Knob, R. F. D. 1.	45	35	
Bethlehem.	Wm. W. Teague,	Bentley.	51		50
Concord.....	W. C. Price,		44		
Damascus.....	N. G. Sloan,	Statesville, R. F. D. 5.	75	35	5 35
Dover					
Lebanon.....	E. V. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville. R. F. D 5.	50	40	
Linney's Grove					
Little River....	J. B. Ellis and J. T.	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	25		
Liledoun	Rogers		112	62	
Macedonia.	J. E. Chatham,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 1	45		
Mt. Olive. ...					
Pilgrim.					
Pleasant Grove.					
Pleasant Hill..			90	40	
Poplar Springs	Jas. C. Chatham.	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5	47		
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	45	35	8 00
Taylor Springs.	S. A. Godfrey,				
Taylorsville....	E C. Sloan,	Taylorsville.	57		
Three Froks. ..	J. B. Echerd,	Alkalithia.	73	73	1 00

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch.	J. M. Shaver,	Dealville, R. F. D. 1.	R. S. Austin,	Dealville, R. F. D. 1.
Bethel.	L. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite R. F. D. 1.	A. C. Jones.	Taylorsville. R. F. D. 3.
Bethlehem.	J. M. Shaver,	Dealville, R. F. D. 1.	Wm. W. Teague.	Bentley.
Concord.	C. E Beaver.	Eufola	D. F. Gryder,	Stony Point, R F. D. 1.
Damascus.	J. P. Gwaltney,	Mt. Pisgah, R. F. D. 1.	S. C. Johnson,	Statesville, R. F. D. 7.
Dover.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D 5.	W. S. Robinette.	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 4.
Lebanon	G Z. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R F. D. 5.	T. L. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.
Liledoun.	L, P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite. R. F. D. 1.	J. W. Watts,	Liledoun.
Linney's Grove.	J. P. Gwaltney,	Mt. Pisgah. R F. D. 1.	J. F. Baker,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 3.
Little River.	G. Z. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	N. J Walker,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5
Macedonia.	W. J. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F D. 5.	J E. Chatham,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 1.
Mt. Olive	W. J. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville. R. F. D. 5.	J. J. Lowe,	Poor's Knob, R. F. D. 2.
Pilgrim.	J. P. Gwaltney,	Mt. Pisgah. R. F. D. 1.	J. M. Query,	Mt. Pisgah, R. F. D. 1.
Pleasant Grove.	R. Lee Davis,	Hiddenite.	R. C. Bowles,	Statesville, R. F. D. 7.
Pleasant Hill.	W. J. Bumgarner,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.	S. J. Harrington,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.
Poplar Springs	O. A. Keller,	Taylorsville.	J. F, Robinette,	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 5.
Sulphur Springs	D W. Pool.	Taylorsville, R. F. D. 3.	B. F. Patterson,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.
Taylor Springs	J. W. Bryant.	Yadkinville.	H. T. Williams,	New Hope, R. F. D. 1.
Taylorsville.	L. P. Gwaltney,	Hiddenite, R. F. D. 1.	E C. Sloan,	Taylorsville.
Three Forks.	J P. Gwaltney,	Mt. Pisgah, R. F. D. 1.	J. J. H. Pool,	Taylorsville, R, F. D. 4.

The table below is intended to show what money was sent direct from the churches and what passed through the Treasurers hands also.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Mission Direct Plan.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch.	$58 00	$26 08	$	$15 10	$ 2 65	$	$26 02	$ 127 85
Bethel.	75 00	20 00			1 45	125 00	20 75	242 20
Bethlehem.		4 60		1 85	85		5 00	12 30
Concord.			4 28					55 03
Damascus.	50 00	12 64		6 50	1 05			70 19
Dover.		2 45			85			3 30
Lebanon.		35 45			75			52 60
Lilleloun.					1 25			1 00
Linney's Grove.		16 17			1 00	11 00	5 00	125 15
Little River.	17 65	13 60			1 15			4 10
Macedonia.		9 47			1 00	7 50		119 20
Mt. Olive.	32 00	10 88		3 16	1 10	5 00		178 35
Pilgrim.		1 76			1 25	13 00		15 16
Pleasant Grove.		13 75			85	125 00		38 84
Pleasant Hill		5 45		5 00	80			100 00
Poplar Springs		1 76			80			19 60
Sulphur Springs	65 00	46 65		12 50	70	62 00		64 46
Taylor Springs.		3 55			1 00			125 15
Taylorsville.	75 00	25 00		8 00	55			4 10
Three Forks.	60 00	11 11		8 75	1 20	10 00		119 20
Berea.		15 16		8 05	1 50	104 99		178 35
Collection at A.		30 79						15 16
J. W. Watts.		100 00						38 84
Total	482 00	411 534	28	60 91	21 80	463 49	56 77	1501 15

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

This session of the Association has been one noted for harmony, for good attentive crowds and for the deep earnestness shown by the sermons and speeches.

BETHEL CHURCH.

By reference to the Associational Minutes, for the year 1889, it will be seen that the records of the church prior to 1827 have been lost, but an organization certainly existed here many years earlier, from probably about the year 1800. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was pastor when the Alexander Association met here in 1889 and until 1891, then W. H. Vanhoy until Oct. 1891; C. C Pool until Oct. 1893; D. W. Pool until Oct. 1900; L. P. Gwaltney to the present. Let us hope he may still be serving this church when the Association meets with it again.

E. B. Hendren was clerk in 1889 and for a year afterwards. J. W. Hendren until June 1891; J. E. Gilreath until 1899. From that time until the present A. C. Jones has been Clerk. The records of the church since the year 1827 show paintaking care on the part of the Clerks. This church has certainly been a power for good in this comunity and is now in a prosperous condition both spiritually and financially, as is evidenced by the quiet, orderly devotion and hospitality of its members and the neat comfortable house of worship and commodious arbor.

The church numbered 228 members in 1889 and now numbers 245. Since the year 1889 thirty one members have died and one hundred and six have been dismissed by letter making a net gain of one hundred and forty four since 1889.

The Lord has been very merciful to us this past year and we record fewer obituaries than usual.

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OBITUARIES.

Sister Martha C. Oxford, eldest daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Reid, born Oct. 27th 1843, married Bro. Wm. Oxford Oct, 4th 1852 and died Feb 11th 1906. She professed faith in Christ in arly life and joined Centre Baptist Church. While her home was in aldwell county she held her membership with Union Church. When er family came to Alexander county she became a member of Antioch Church. She was a quiet, unobtrusive woman, patient and full f good works.

L. L. Teague was born Oct. 16th 1834 and died April 3rd 1906, eing seventy one years five months and seventeen days old. He arried Amy Bowman when about the age of eighteen years. He as the father of nine children five of whom survive him. He prossed religion and joined Antioch Church when about eighteen ars old. His life was plain and practical but useful. He was hont and sincere in his conections. A good neighbor and an humble ristian. He suffered much in his last illness but expressed his full nfidence in his Saviour and frequently sang even in his delirious oments, "Do not I love thee O my Lord," etc.

Amy Teague, wife of Bro. L. L. Teague, was born Sept. 24th 34 and died March 16th 1906 aged seventy one years, five months d twenty two days. She was a member of the Lutheran Church in r early life but joined the Baptist Church at Antioch in 1879 she l her eldest daughter sister, Lydia Johnson, going into the water ether. Her life was quiet and peaceful. Few mothers have had re influence over their children than she. She preceeded her band to the better land but eighteen days. "The heart of her band doth safely trust in her. Her children rise up and call her ssed. Her husband also and he praiseth her. Prov. 32: 11 and 28

Mary, wife of W. F. Munday, was born Dec. 28th 1837. She proed faith in Christ in early life and joined Antioch Church where remained a faithful member until her death. For about four rs before her death she was in feeble health rendering her unable ttend church, but she often expressed herself as to her christian e and readiness to meet her maker. She fell asleep June 14th 1906

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PROCEEDINGS.

Bethlehem Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 4th 1907.

The Alexander County Baptist Association met in its twenty-first annual session at this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. R. Lee Davis from "The commission." Matt. 28:18, 19, 20 and Luke 24:47.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator . W. Watts. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. E. White and Eld. W. R. Bradshaw. Letters rom the churches were called for and Brethren S. C. ohnson and W. E. White were appointed as reading lerks. The following messengers were enrolled,

Antioch—J. C. Caldwell, Stewart Munday, A. V. Teague.
Bethel—A. C. Jones, D. Q. Williams, J. C. Bentley.
Bethlehem—Moses A. Teague, Wm. W. Teague, Quintas Downs.
Concord—A. M. S. Gryder.
Damascus—S. C. Johnson, R. F. Sloan.
Dover—G. B. Pennell, M. Pennell.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, J. Wiley Chapman, T L. Bumgarner.
Liledoun—J. W. Watts, N. A. Fox, L. W. Shoemaker.
Linney's Grove—J. W. Linney, J. P. Hendren, E. J. Hendren.
Little River—J. W. Deal, G. Z. Bumgarner.
Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, H. Christopher.
Mt. Olive—S. G. Earp, H. S. Deal, J. W. Pharr.
Pilgrim—J. M. Query.
Pleasant Grove—R. C. Bowles, R. E. Levan.

Pleasant Hill—G. C. Meadows, S. J. Harrington.
Poplar Springs—J. N. Pool, T J. Crouch.
Sulphur Springs—W. S Blankenship.
Taylor Springs—T. H. Williams.
Taylorsville—E. C. Sloan, A. C. Payne.
Three Forks—Vance Bebber, W. S. McLeod, J. J. H. Pool.

Permanent organization. On motion of Eld. J. M. Shaver the present incumbents were elected by acclamation: Moderator, J. W. Watts; Clerk, J. J. H. Pool; Treasurer, W. J. Bumgarner; Historian, W. S. McLeod.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Bethlehem Chruch
Nominations—W. E. White, H. Christopher, D. Q. Williams.
Digest of Church Letters—J. E. Chatham, H. S. Deal, T. H. Williams.
Finance—A. C Jones, J W. Deal, R. E. Levan.

New churches were called for and Island Ford Church, with a letter of dismission from the South Yadkin Association and Mt. Nebo were received and the following messengers were enrolled: Island Ford—J. H. Hoke; Mt. Nebo—B. F. Steel, J. T. Christopher.

The following visiting Brethern accepted seats in the Association: Eld. W. R. Bradshaw, of the South Fork Association, Eld. T. L. Blalock from China.

Reading Constitution and By-laws dispensed with.

The Moderator announced the following additions to the standing committees:

Education—Bro. T. H. Williams.
Temperance—Bro. E. C. Sloan.
Missions—Eld. T. L. Blalock.
Sunday Schools—Brethren W, E White, A. C. Payne.

On motion business was suspended while Eld. W. R. Bradshaw made a speech on State Missions.

Order of exercises: 9 a. m. Prayer service. 9:30

a. m. Business meeting. 11 a. m. Sermon. 1 p. m. Resumed business. Adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercise report: Eld. W. E. Linney conduct Prayer Service and Eld. W. J. Bumgarner preach to-morrow.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. D. W. Pool.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. W. E. Linney.

The minutes were read and corrected. The following visiting brethren accepted seats. Eld W. C. Meadows from the Brushy Mountain Association, Eld. G. P. Bostick from Po Chow, China, Bro. J. W. Griffin, of South Fork Association Eld. L. R. Norket, Charlotte, N. C. and Bro. C. S. Holton, Charlotte, N. C.

At the suggestion of Eld D. W. Pool Missions were made a special order for 1 p. m. to-day.

Eld. L. P. Gwaltney read the report on Fundamental Doctrines.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

Isaiah 8, 16-20 Here fundamentals are defined. (1) As testimony. The guide to our faith as regeneration, atonement, repentance, faith etc. (2) To the law gives emphasis to our practice as fundamentals also. Your committee would if possible revive the ancient maxim and article of our faith, that the Bible is the sufficient and only rule of our faith and practice. This fundamental rule, hoary with age, made red by the blood of saints for more than a thousand years is almost forgotten now.

The attacts of infidels are tame compared with sentiments abroad today, that the Bible must be interpreted in the light of science rather than in the confidence of faith, that the Bible is the background of a picture having missing links, that where New Testament law ends personal liberty begins, and finally, that the acts of Christ and the inspired Apostles are not standards of conduct for us, but what they would do if here now. These sentiments adopted and sent abroad by leaders of religious thought are a fearful menance to the

doctrines of Paul. See 2 Tim. 3, 15-17. Those who tamper thus with the Bible, God's transcript of his will and revelations of his character, should tremble and stand in awe as they face the awful doom portrayed in Rev. 22, 18-19. 'Twere better to let all institutions which human prudence have suggested go to the winds than suffer the woes in these fearful verses. "Back to the Word" is our safety on all lines,

L. P. GWALTNEY,
S. C. JOHNSON,
R. LEE DAVIS. } Com.

The report was discussed by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, R. Lee Davis, G. P. Bostick and T. L. Blalock. Adopted

The hour having arrived for preaching business was suspended for a sermon by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner. Text Psalms 126. 5-6.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. G. P. Bostick.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pray led by Eld. J. W. Griffin.

Eld. D. W. Pool read the report on Missions.

MISSIONS.

The command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature is as binding to-day as when given. Matt. 28, 19 20. Mark 16, 15-16.

It was the Master himself who gave this command, and it is He who must yet impress men yea constrain them by his love to preach the gospel. The churches also as custodians of the ministry and doctrines must understand and do their full duty if we are to expect the fullness of the divine blessing.

(1) Then, why should we go? (2, How we should go and (3) what must be our message.

May God the Spirit help us understand and do our duty as in view of the account we must give. Let us continue to give on the direct or church plan.

D. W. POOL,
L. P. GWALTNEY. } Com.

After discussion by Elders D. W. Pool, G. P. Bostick and T. L. Blalock the report was adopted.

Committee on religious exercises reports, Eld. L. R. Norket conduct prayer service at 9 and Eld. T. L. Blalock preach at 11 to-morrow.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Eld. L. R. Norket.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Bro. T. H. Williams read the report on Education.

EDUCATION.

The world needs education. The right kind of education. The education of our children should be directed in such a way as to prepare them for the most usefulness to themselves, to their fellowman and a glory to their God We will recommend no special school. Any of the schools in the bounds of the Association are worthy of our support.

A. C. JONES,
W. W. TEAGUE,
T. H. WILLIAMS. } Com.

Discussed by Bro. T. H. Williams and Eld. G. P. Costick and report adopted.

Elder. W. J. Bumgarner read last years report on Temperance.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance has been defined as the moderate use of all things necessary to our wants and the total abstinence from all things unnecessary or hurtful.

Your committee believe that we can be intemparate in our talk Matt. 5, 34-37. Our dress Matt 6, 28-31. Our eating Daniel,—— Matt 31. Our drinking Prov. 20, 1: Hab. 2. 15; 1st Cor. 9, 25.

It is with alarm that we notice the fearful strides the drink habit taking upon our people and especially the hold it has upon the youth our land. It has invaded the sanctity of the church as well as the social circle.

The all important question of the day is: How shall it be arrested? This is not in our province to say But we hold it to be an evident truth that the words of Holy Writ upon this subject should receive the earnest attention of this body and that our churches and

pastors be earnestly instructed to use all scriptural means to arres this mighty evil.

M. A. TEAGUE,
H. S. DEAL,
E. C. SLOAN. } Com.

The report was discussed by Elders Bostick an Blalock and was reaffirmed.

Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner read the report on Duties t the Poor.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

The Lord's work is so arranged that every individual can tak some part in it. While there are divers gifts to certain individua caring for the poor is open to all, because they are always with yo Matt. 26, 11. Your committee would recommend the support of th Orphanage at Thomasville and especially would we urge that w look well to the wants of the poor around us. That no church o brother should allow any brother, sister or individual to suffer fo want of food or clothing or any help they might render. The Mast has said: "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteou ness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting hab tations," Luke 16, 9

G. Z. BUMGARNER,
Chm'n of Cor

The report was adopted after speeches by Elde G. Z. Bumgarner, T. L. Blalock, R. Lee Davis an Bro J. W. Griffin.

The Association suspended business for sermo by Eld. T. L. Blalock. Text Rom. 1. 14–16.

After an able sermon an invitation was given any who might desire the christians to pray for them Several stood up in the congregation. An opportuni was then given to any who might be present who we willing to consecrate their lives to the work of the Ma ter even though it led to foreign fields and tw young men and one young lady stood up.

Prayer led by Bro. J. M. Fortner closed by Br J. W. Watts. Adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder R. L. Davis.

A letter of application was presented by the Bland reet Baptist Church, of Charlotte On motion it was ceived and Elder L. R. Norket and C. S. Holton re enrolled as messengers.

Elder W. E. Linney read the report on Church d Pastorial Relations.

CHURCH AND PASTORIAL RELATIONS.

The relations now existing throughout this Association between pastors and churches is most gratifying.

The pastors are faithfully and zealously performing their duty to churches. We believe that the pastors stand in the same rela- n to the churches as a tender father to his household 1st Thes. 7-11.

We are glad to detect no tendency on the part of the pastors to ce the ministry on an official relation to the church.

In consideration of this relation the churches are holding up the tors in prayer and contribution.

Owing to the fact that few young men seem to be impressed to ach the gospel and that the present number of pastors are being rworked we respectfully suggest:

(1) That the church continue in earnest fervent prayer that God y thrust out laborers into the gospel fields at home and in foreign ntries. (2) That the pastors continue in prudent pastoral visita- of the people

W. E. Linney, }
J. W. Pharr, } Com.

After speeches by Elders W. E. Linney, G. P. Bos- and T. L. Blalock, the report was amended by ask- that every church within, the bounds of this Associ- on, set apart one day at some time during the next r as a season of prayer for more laborers in the istry. Adopted as amended.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. E. White and the discussion of this subject was left n for Sunday morning. The report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

What does the Sunday School mean?

It means the study of the Holy Scriptures and the enrichment the heart, mind and soul with the vast ocean of precious truths the in contained. It means the implanting of eternal truth and the i stilling of right principles in the lives of the young. More than th it means the salvation of precious souls for Paul says the Scriptur are able to make wise unto salvation. It follows therefore that no o can engage in so high and holy a task without feeling that he is e listed in sacred service the most exalted God has ever committed human hands.

W E. WHITE.

Bro. H. S. Deal read the report on Digest of churc letters.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

There are in this Association twenty-three churches with a to membership of 3131.

Additions by Baptism 168, by letter 83, by restoration 16, dismi ed by letter 108, died 37, excluded 19.

Twelve churches report an aggregate pastoral salary of $823.3

Eight churches report repairs amounting to $485 28,

The letters report for Foreign Missions $240.00, State Missi $5.00, Associational Missions $2.00, Orphanage $58.43, Minute Fu $24.88. other objects $147 02. One church reports as giving to the lief fund of China $5.00.

The church at Liledoun reports funds available to support o foreign missionary.

Fifteen Sunday Schools report total scholars and teachers 9 Sunday School expenses $86.65.

H. S. DEAL,
T. H. WILLIAMS,
J E. CHATHAM. } Com

The report on Nominations was read by Br W. E. White. Adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Time—Thursday before first Sunday in Oct. 1908.

Place—Concord Church.

Introductory Sermon—W. E. Linney, Alternate—L. P. Gwalt

WORKING COMMITTEES.

Education—A. C. Payne, W. E. Linney, G. B. Pennell.

Fundamental Doctrines—J. M. Shaver, O. F. F. Pool, W. J. umgarner.

Temperance—G. Z. Bumgarner, W. J. Davis, T. H. Williams.

Church and Pastorial Relations—L. P. Gwaltney, R. L. Davis. J. Harrington.

Missions—J. P. Gwaltney, R. C. Bowles, W. W. Teague.

Duties to Poor—J. M. Fortner, P. H. Mason, J. M. Query.

Sunday Schools—S. C. Johnson, A. W. White, B. F. Steel.

Delegate to So. Baptist Convention—H. T. Campbell. Alternate A. C. Payne.

Delegate to State Convention—A. C. Jones. Alternate—T. H. illiams

Brushy Mt. Association—J. Y. Williams, G. C. Meadows.

Brier Creek " —J. M. Query, T. H. Williams

South Yadkin " —J. H. Hoke, Lee Steel.

Caldwell " —G. B. Pennell, Moses A. Teague.

The report on Finance was read by the clerk. See ıancial table. Adopted.

As the Treasurer did not have his report complete was given the privilage of handing it to the clerk.

EPORT OF MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCI-TIONS.

Eld. D. W. Pool attended the Brier Creek Association and re-ted a good session.

The clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the minutes printed l distributed.

Elds. D. W. Pool, G. P. Bostick and T. L. Blalock each made rt talks for the Missionary Helper. At the suggestion of Eld. P. Bostick Eld. W. J. Bumgarner led a special prayer for a good ıer for Gospel Missions.

The clerk was instructed to insert a copy of the proceedings of Sunday school Convention held at Taylorsville.

Eld. M. L. Kesler Manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomas-e was recognized in the congregation and was on motion given e to explain the working of the Orphanage.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Sunday School ss Meeting be held at 10 a. m. to-morrow. Sermon at 11 a. m. by . G. P. Bostick Sermon at 1 p. m. by Eld. M. L. Kesler.

On motion adjourned Prayer by Eld. G. P. Bostick.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator.

Addresses on Sunday Schools by Bro. W. E. Whit Elds. G. P. Bostick and M. L. Kesler.

Sermon at 11 by Eld. G. P. Bostick. Text, "G in you." Sermon at 1:30 by Eld. M. L. Kesler. Tex "And he was not for God took him," Gen. 5-24.

Adjourned with benediction.

J. W. Watts, Moderato

J. J. H. Pool, Clerk

MINUTES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Sunday School meeting at Taylorsville Bapti Church on Saturday March 30th 1907.

11 a. m. Sermon by Eld. J. M. Shaver. Recess

1:30 a. m. The meeting was called to order by J. Chatham for committee. Prayer by Eld. R. L. Davis.

Permanent organization. On motion of Bro. L. Gwaltney. Bro. J. E. Chatham was elected moderato On motion Bro. W. E. White was made secretary.

The Bro. Moderator called the first item of progra and assigned the floor to Eld. D. W. Pool who open the discussion of the subject "How can we interest o older people in Sunday School work."

The Moderator then called Eld. W. J. Bumgarn who ably discussed the same theme. Bro. E. J. Poe, the Methodist, made some pertinent remarks on the su ject. Bro. R. L. Davis continued the discussion.

The Moderator then announced the second item the program, "Ways and means of holding the you people in the Sunday Schools" and called Bro. J. Gwaltney to the floor, also Bro. J. M. Shaver who ma impressive remarks.

The moderator then announced the next subject "Sha Alexander Association organize a Sunday School Ass ciation." Remarks by W. E. White and D. W. Pool.

It was decided not to organize an Association this time.

On account of the weather the program for Sunda was called in.

J. E. Chatham, Mod.

W. E. White, Sec.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Oct. 6th 1906 to Oct. 5th 1907.

Bal. on hand Oct. 6th 1907		$584.25	
By check to T. L. Blalock			$347.69
" " " Orphanage at Thomasville			52.28
" " " Treas. Baptist S. Con.			4.28
		$584.25	$584.25

Dec. 1907, to cash Macedonia	church		$ .50	
	Mt. Olive	"	1.82	
Jan. 14,	Three Forks	"	5.50	
Feb.	Lebanon	"	4.85	
		Total	$12 72	
By check to T. L. Blalock				$12.72
	Mt. Olive	"	4.27	
	Sulphur Springs,	"	12.30	
	Antioch	"	4.89	
	Pleasant Hill	"	2 92	
	Berea	"	8 06	
	Macedonia	"	6 60	
	Lebanon	"	8 40	
		Total	$84 44	
By check to T. L. Blalock				$84.44
	Antioch	"	$5.65	
	Pleasant Hill	"	3 53	
	Mt. Olive	"	2.57	
	Lebanon	"	4 00	
	Charlotte	"	5.00	
	Macedonia	"	.25	
Finance F. Mission			147 78	
F. M. public collection			19 73	
State Missions			9.50	
Orphanage at Thomasville			30.08	
Minute Fund			24·78	
		Total	$252.87	
Turned over to Clerk				$24.78
" " " M. L. Kesler				30.08
" " " T. L. Blalock				188,51
			Total	$243.37
Bal. on hand			9.50	

W. J. BUMGARNER, Treas

HISTORIAN'S WORK.

Bethlehem Church was organized the 2nd Saturda in Dec. 1871 by a presbytry consisting of Elders J. Ha vey West and Hiram West with the following membe to-wit:

A. R. Tant, Rebecca Tant, C. A. Benfield, M. A Benfield, Martha Smith, Isabel Smith, Catherine Be field, Mary Ann Benfield, Eleanor Starnes, M. R. Au tin, Rebecca Johnson, Henry Teague, Sarah Teagu Mary L. Fox, E. Crawford Benfield, Pheme Reec Lavina Head, Martha E Teague, eighteen in all. C this number seven are still living.

Hiram West was the first pastor and continued fo ten months. Then for about six years or from Sept 1872 until Aug. 1878 he still served.

I. R. Sherrill became pastor but only served tw months. In May 1879 W. F. Knight and A. M. Penne were called . Elder Knight only served two meeting when A. M. Pennell was called but there is no record o his ever serving. From this time until 1889 there wa no regular pastor, but W. J. Bumgarner and other preached there as Associational Missionaries sent out b the Brushy Mt. Association while this territory opera ted with it.

On the 3rd Saturday in September 1889 the churc met and appointed delegates to the Alexander Associa tion which met at Bethel Church asking admission t the body. W. J. Bumgarner was then called and serv ed as pastor until September 1890. Elder J. F. Davi was called and served two months. Elder J. M. Shave became pastor in March 1891 and served until Octobe 1895. W. J. Bumgarner until November 1902. J. M Shaver has been pastor ever since

The first clerk was M. R. Austin, who served only o months when he took his letter and went away. A. Benfield them became clerk and served until May 80. W. G. Fox, V. W. Teague and W. W. Teague ve each held the position of clerk. W. W. Teague present clerk.

The church has seen its dark and gloomy periods, s been sorely tried by internal strife by reasons of vent and other doctrines but now seems to be in ery prosperous condition.

The present session of the Association has been re-rkably pleasant. The people of the vicinity have vied th each other in their hospitality. The number of minent visitors unusually large and we feel that ch good has been accomplished.

OBITUARIES.

James Columbus Bell was born in Iredell county Dec. 28th 1843 died June the 1st 1907. He leaves but one child, Mrs R. L vns. to mourn his departure. He served faithfully in the Confed-e Army from 1862 'till the close of the war. In 1868 he was mar-l to Amanda Teague. She died in 1893. In 1878 he professed faith hrist and joined the church at Antioch and remained a consistent nber of that body until the time of his death. He was a most ıful church member, seldom failing to be at the regular Saturday tings. He generally attended the Associations and other religi- gatherings. He took great interest in all kinds of church work was a very liberal giver to the support of the church. He was n widely known and highly respected. Honest, truthful, sober, ghtforward, plain spoken, he was always ready to stand up boldly what he believed to be right. He will be greatly missed in the rch and in the community. His life was such as to give us every rance that all is well with him now and that he rests where the of life is blooming.

Bertha Jane White, member of Antioch Church was born April 1889 and died Feb. 20th 1907. Her characteristics were a sunny osition, a gracious smile for every one, a superb physicial wo

manhood and personal beauty. Stricken hearts mourn her e departure, but we will meet again.

"We shall sleep but not forever,
There will be a glorious dawn,
We shall meet to part, no-never,
On the resurrection morn.

Edgar L. Bowman, born March 5th 1886 died Aug. 18th 1907, 21 years 5 months and 13 days. He professed faith in Christ at at the age of 16 and joined the church at Antioch where he remaine consistent member until his death. Although his life was short, sun going down at noon, it was one of fruitage and his many frie think of him only with pleasure while at the same time they mir tears of sorrow with the bereaved family.

Hilda Keller, widow of ————Keller, daughter of Sam Munday, died June the 4th 1907, aged about 72 years. Aunt Hi was for many years a member of Antioch Church. She lived a qu unassuming christian life and gave full assurance that our loss is gain.

Sister V E. Grant, wife of Bro. S. W. Grant. died Sept. 1 1907, age 30 years. She lingered for seven months with that dr disease consumption. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Chur a devoted christian always ready to speak for her Saviour. We not have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with her on t side Jordan's cold wave but we hope to meet where we shall kn even as we are known.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICE.	Enrolled	Average	Sunday School Expenses	Officers and Teachers
Antioch	W. E. White	Taylorsville, N. C. No. 4.	107			
Bethel	Fred Pool	Taylorsville, N. C. No. 3.	44		$1 05	1
Bethlehem						4
Bland St.						
Concord	James Story	Stony Point, N. C.	39			4
Damascus	N. G. Sloan	Statesville, N. C. No. 5.	79	40	4 35	1
Dover						
Island Ford						
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville, N. C., No. 5	47			1
Liledoun	J. W. Watts	Liledoun, N. C.	110			5
Linney's Grove						
Little River						
Macedonia	G. L. Chatham	Taylorsville, N. C., No. 1.	85			5
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher	Stony Point, N. C.			90	
Mt. Olive	S. G. Earp	Poor's Knob, N. C. No. 2	46			6
Pilgrim	L. L. Loudermilk	Hiddenite, N. C.	94	40	2 45	1
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan	Stony Point, N. C. No. 2	45	25		4
Pleasant Hill						
Poplar Springs	J. N. Pool	Taylorsville, N. C. No. 5.	56			
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite, N. C. No. 2.	55	30	8 00	4
Taylor Springs	S. A. Godfry	New Hope, N. C. No. 1.		40		
Taylorsville	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville, N. C.	24		9 81	6
Three Forks	J. M. Oxford					

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Bumgarner, G. Z. Bumgarner, W. R. Chi
ders, R. Lee Davis, J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney
L. R. Norket, A. M. Pennell, D. W. Pool, J. M. Shav
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STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total	Males	Females	Total	Ordained Ministers	Time of preaching
Antioch	24	3	3	30	5	2	4	11	132	171	303	1	4th
Bethel	15	5	1	21	10	1	1	12	103	148	252	2	1st
Bethlehem	9	3		12	7	1	2	10	50	115	165		3rd
Bland St.									7	8	15	1	
Concord	3	4		7	16		1	17	55	78	133		4th
Damascus	7	4	1	12	2	2	1	5			219		1st
Dover	4		1	5	2	2	3	7	38	56	94	1	2nd
Island Ford	10			10	5			5	17	30	47		
Lebanon	4		3	7					46	83	129	1	4th
Liledoun	20	8		28	1		1	2	29	39	68	1	2nd
Linney's Grove		2		2	3	5	1	9	52	81	133	1	4th
Little River					2		4	6	42	67	109	1	1st
Macedonia	14	3	4	21	5	2	1	8	71	148	219		1st
Mt. Nebo	14	22		36					23	35	58		2nd
Mt. Olive	9	3	1	13	3	1	4	8	60	89	149		3rd
Pilgrim	11	3		14	1		1	2	76	56	132		2nd
Plesant Grove	2			2	3		1	4	19	22	41		4th
Pleasant Hill	6	3	1	10	7	3	1	11	44	94	138		3rd
Poplar Springs		4		4	11		5	16	50	84	134		1st
Sulphur Springs	12	3		15	18		6	24	60	109	169	1	3rd
Taylor Springs		3	1	4	4		1	5	67	46	113		3rd
Taylorsville	4	4		8	2			2	25	44	69	1	2nd
Three Forks		6		6	1			1	80	120	200		3rd

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Antioch	J. M. Shaver	Dealville, N. C	R. S. Austin	Dealvile, N. C.
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Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, N. C. No. 1.	J. W. Watts	Liledoun, N. C.
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Concord		2 05		2 00	80		4 85	4 85
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Dover		3 21		90	1 05			5 16
Island Ford	30 00	2 00	2 50		30	3 50	9 50	47 80
Lebanon		33 70			1 10			34 80
Liledoun	60 00	8 55		5 00	1 00			74 55
Linney's Grove	40 02	10 00			1 05	63 02		114 09
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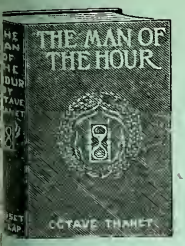

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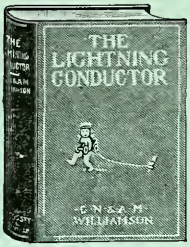

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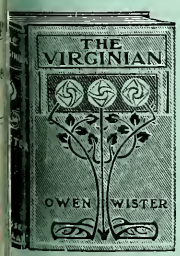

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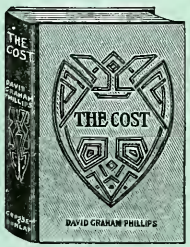

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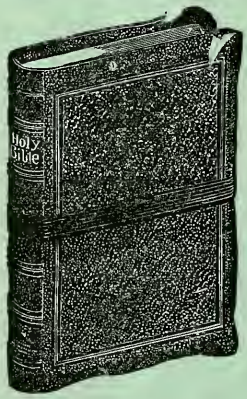

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1908

Moderator, J. W. WATTS, Liledoun, N. C.
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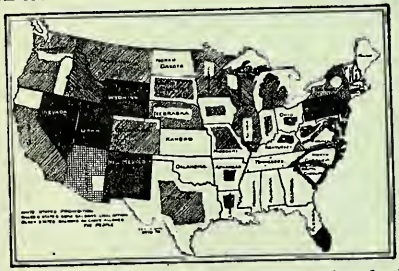

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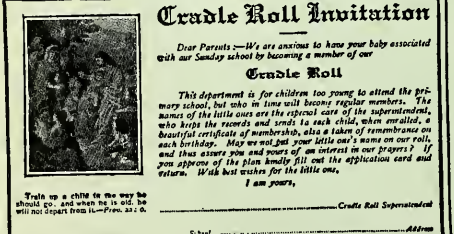
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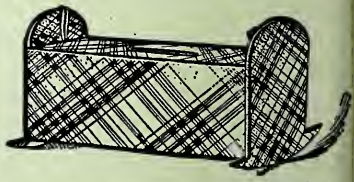

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PROCEEDINGS.

Concord Baptist Church
Thursday, Oct. 1st, 1908.

The Alexander County Baptist Association met it its twenty-second annual session at this church.

The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Linney, text Num. 20 : 10, context Zec. 4 : 6.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. W. Watts. Moderator read Psalm 1, Prayer by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney. Letters from the churches were called for and Brethren O. F. F. Pool and J. E. Chatham were asked to read the same. The following messengers were enrolled :

Pleasant Grove—R. E Levan
Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, C. M. Fincannon, W. R. Wilson.
Pilgrim—J. M. Query, L. L. Loudermilk, J. W. Mayberry.
Pleasant Hill—S J. Harrington, G. C. Meadows, D. C. Laws.
Concord—J. A. Storey, A. M. S. Gryder, J. W. Gant.
Three Forks—J. M. Jones, W S. McLeod, J. J. H. Pool,
Poplar Springs—J. A. Pennell, J. F. Walker, R. H. Chapman.
Little River—J. W. Deal, W. T. Webster, C. C. Maybery.
Bethel—J. Y. Williams, J. E. Gilreath, J. A. Campbell
Island Ford—S. B. Waugh, A. G. Stewart.
Sulphur Springs—B. F. Patterson, A. D. Matlock, Wm. M. Lackey
Linney's Grove—W. F. McLain, I. N. Smith, J. T. Linney.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. A. White, O. F. F. Pool.
Dover—G. B. Pennell, M Pennell.
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Damascus—C. L. Millsaps, S. C. Johnson, J. P. Stewart
Liledoun—J. W. Watts, W. W. Fox, Roby Teague.
Antioch—Robert Cline, Franklin Austin
Bethlehem—V. W. Teague, Morgan Fox, Eli G. Benfield.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, G. W. Bumgarner, J. W. Chapman.

Permanent organization. On motion of Eld. L. P. Gwaltney the present incumbents were elected by acclamation.: Moderator, J. W. Watts; Clerk, J. J. H. Pool; Treasurer, W. J. Bumgarner; Historian, W. S. McLeod.

The Moderator announced the following committees.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Concord Church.
Digest of Church Letters—Wm. M. Lackey, M. Pennell, J. Wiley Chapman.
Nominations—J. M. Fortner, J. W. Deal. Wm. Pierce.
Finance—J. E. Chatham, H. T. Williams, W. W. Fox.

On motion reading Constitution and by-laws was dispensed with.

The moderator announced the following additions to standing committees.

Missions—T. L. Blalock, D. W. Pool.
Duties to the Poor—J. Y. Williams, A. F. Sharpe.

On motion Missions were made a special order for 9:30 tomorrow and take all the time necessary for a full discussion of the subject.

The following order of exercises was adopted: Prayer service at 9:30 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. Resume business at 1 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious Exercise report: Prayer Service tomorrow, Eld. J. M. Shaver, Sermon Eld. T. L. Blalock.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer services conducted by Eld. J. M. Shaver.

Read minutes of yesterday. Report on Missions read by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney, and spoken to by Elders J. P, Gwaltney, D. W. Pool. Time for sermon having

arrived the class sang "How Firm a Foundation," and Eld. T. L. Blalock preached from 1st Cor. 2:2. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. W. E. Linney.

The letter from Bland St. church was read and C. S. Holton, H. D, Austin and W, E. Austin were enrolled af messsengers

The subject of Missions was again taken up and after a short talk by Eld. J. M. Shaver, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The cause of missions is one of the greatest importance, because in it is involved the salvation of souls in every nation under the sun. The cause is of such importance that every saved man and woman ought to feel the deepest and most profound interest in it.

The command from High Heaven is to go and preach the gospel to every creature. While this is given primarily to the preachers it does not stop with them. They are members of the church, and servants of the churches, so that every church and every member of the churches ought to feel the weight of this obligation.

The cause of missions has been signally blest in the foreign field in the last year and from the reports of our missionaries the prospect for the accomplishment of great good, is very flattering, in the future.

Our beloved missionaries who are representing this Association have been hindered from their work in China in consequence of affliction. Let us pray God to restore them to health again so they may return to the people upon whom they had such a strong hold.

We recommend that the churches continue to contribute in the direct way or Gospel Mission plan, as we believe it to be the Scriptural plan.

J. P. GWALTNEY, Ch'rm'n Com.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines read by Eld. J. M. Shaver and discussed by Elders J. M. Shaver and T. L. Blalock, adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

What we understand by Fundamental Doctrines are those spiritual teachings which most directly underly and affect the redemption and salvation of men.

The doctrine of the incarnation of the Son of God is fundamental, declaring the eternity and divinity of Christ (John 1: 1-4) and making possible the atonement, John 3:14, Heb 10:5.

It also furnished a basis for all our mission work and insures to us the resurrection of the dead. Your committee would urge that we make a more thorough study from the doctrine.

J. M. Shaver.
W. J. Bumgarner. } Com.

The report on Churches and Pastoral Relations read by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney and after being spoken to by Elders L. P. Gwaltney and T. L. Blalock was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

We submit that the well-being of our churches is involved in the discharge of their obligations to their pastors, in sympathy, prayer, moral and natural support. This phase of the subject is no longer debatable. 1st Cor. 9:14.

Your committee would raise the question here "Do the terms 'hire' and 'meat' used by Jesus, and 'wages' and 'reward' as used by Paul interpreted in their connections and in light of other Scriptures justify the present trend about us." When men make specific charges for preaching the gospel as others do in all phases of professional life in the judgement of your committee the texts above quoted do not justify such a course. See John 10:12, 1st Cor. 9:18, 2nd Cor. 11:8, 12-14, Phil. 5:17, Acts 20:33-35. These Scriptures as instances clearly teach that the motives that prompt a man to preach must be independent of and above all mercenary considerations.

L. P. GWALTNEY, Ch'mn Com.

The Committee on Religious Exercise reports prayer service tomorrow Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner. Sermon, Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. Adjourned with prayer by Eld. D. W. Pool.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner.

The moderator not having arrived Eld. L. P. Gwaltney was appointed to preside pro tem.

Read minutes of yesterday.

The report on Duties to the Poor was made a special order for 1 o'clock.

The report on Education was read by Eld. W. E. Linney and discussed by Elders W. E. Linney, L. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White, Bro. A. F. Sharpe and Eld. J. P. Gwaltney. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding correct the temper and form the manners and habits of youth and fit them for usefullness in their future stations.—Webster.

Education is one of our best secular interests and should be safeguarded by the moral environments.

While this is true we insist that it be safe-guarded to make sure that it does not become a vftal factor in church life. See Orchards History of the Baptist, page 65 also Robinson's History, page 51. and Mosheim's History, chapter I. page 1.

We can recommend any of the high schools in the bounds of this Association, as Taylorsville, Hiddenite Stony Point, etc.

W. E. Linney)
G. B. Pennell) Com.

Class sang "Lone Pilgrim." Sermon by Eld L. P. Gwaltney, text John 18:38, "What is Truth. Prayer by Eld W J. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. R. Lee Davis.

Report on Duties to the Poor read by Bro. A. Frank

Sharpe and spoken to by Bro. A. Frank Sharpe and Elders M. L. Kesler and T. L. Blalock. After taking a collection for $10.35 for the Orphanage, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

No man need stand idle in the Lord's vineyard. No one is so poor that he cannot give a cup of cold water. None so rich that he cannot use his money for helping humanity.

It is not a question of how did he become poor but is he poor. If so it is my duty as a child of God to help him in any way he needs it. Psalms 41:1.

We feel that too little is being done for the poor, and we pray that Christians may do more for the poor among us.

The Orphanage at Thomasville should be especially remembered

A F. Sharpe
J. Y. Williams. } Com.
J. M. Fortner

Eld. T. L. Blalock made a short farewell address to to the association and took his leave. He is to sail for China the 27th inst.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. T. H. Williams. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

As Temperance is a fruit of the Spirit and intemperance the opposite or work of the flesh, see Gal. 5:16-23; 1 Cor. 9:25 Therefore to build up the temperance cause in our land we must look to the spirit. Christian people should totally avoid that which is wholly evil and be temperate in what may result in evil.

The form of intemperance that overshadows all others is the immoderate use of intoxicants. We feel that Christians should fight this cause with prayer and great patience.

G. Z. Bumgarner
T. H. Williams } Com.

Report on Sunday Schools was left over until Sunday morning.

On motion the other reports were handed in without reading.

Eld. D. W. Pool attended the Briar Creek Association and Eld. R. Lee Davis the South Yadkin. Both reported pleasant sessions.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We find in this association twenty-three churches with a total membership of 3,145.

Added by baptism 136, by letter 41, by restoration 12, dismissed by letter 53, excluded 22, died 44.

Sixteen churches report an average pastors salary of $51.00.

Five churches report for building and repairing $905 00.

Sixteen Sunday Schools with 1089 enrolled and an expense of $57.20.

The letters report for Foreign Missions $272.62. State Missions $16 00, Orphanage $53.11 Minute fund $21.60, other objects $111.75.

The church at Liledoun again reports funds available to support a missionary.

J. Wiley Chapman
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

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Southern Baptist Convention—R. Lee Davis.

Place of next Association—Damascus.

Time—Thursday before 1st Sunday in October, 1909.

Preach Introductory Sermon—J. M. Shaver, Alternate, G. Z Bumgarner.

W. C. Peirce
J. M. Fortner } Com
J. W. Deal

REPORT OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the various churches as follows:

CHURCHES	Foreign Mission	State Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Total
Antioch	$5.75		$5.80	$1.65	$7.45
Bethel	10.00			.90	.90
Bethlehem	8.00			1.10	1.10
Bland St.	1.55			1.00	6.75
Concord	2.00			.85	14.73
Damascus	9.05	$2.00	3.88	1.15	9.15
Dover				1.00	2.55
Island Ford				.25	4.25
Lebanon			1 00	1.00	11.05
Liledoun				1.00	1.00
Linney's Grove	8.60			.65	9.25
Little River	4.00			.75	4.75
Macedonia	4.60		85	1.00	6.45
Mt. Nebo	3 40		3.00	.50	6 90
Mt. Olive				.85	.85
Pilgrim	6.31			.70	7 01
Pleasant Grove	1.60			.50	2.10
Pleasant Hill	2.31			.85	3.16
Poplar Springs	2.42			.75	3.27
Sulphur Springs	13.13		1.64	.65	21 42
Taylor Springs	5.75	6.00		.80	6.55
Taylorsville	8.00	8.00	10.00	1.70	27.70
Three Forks				2.00	2.00
Total	96 47	16.00	26.17	21.60	160.24

J. E. Chatham
T. H. Williams } Com.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance on hand Oct. 5th 1908	$9.50	
By check to Treasurer of State Mis. Board	$9.50	
Received Antioch church	$ 5.60	
" Mt. Olive "	1.50	
" Pleasant Hill "	2.14	
" Lebanon "	11.80	
" Walnut Grove "	10.04	
" Sulphur Springs "	8.60	
" Bethel "	3.35	
" Three Forks "	6.10	
" Taylorsville "	1.00	
By express on box		$ 3.80
By deposit in bank for T. L. Blalock		45.79
	49.59	49.59
Received Three Forks church	13.16	
" Antioch	12.77	
" Sulphur Springs	5.19	
" Lebanon	6 00	
By deposit in bank for T. L. Blalock	37.12	37.12
Received Bethlehem church	6.01	
" Berea	6.13	
" Lebanon	3 10	
Turned over to T. L. Blalock	15.24	15.24
Received from Antioch for Orphanage	7.00	
By check to Treasurer of Orphanage		7.00
Received from Finance Committee:		
For State Missions	16.00	
" Foreign Missions	96.47	
" Orphanage	26.17	
" Minute Fund	21.60	
Turned over to T. L. Blalock		96.47
Turned over to Clerk		21.60
To Collection for Orphanage	10.30	
Turned over to M. L. Kestler		36.47
Sunday collection for Foreign Missions	10.60	
	181 14	154.54
Balance on hand	26.60	

W. J. Bumgarner, Treas

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

On motion a collection for Elder T. L. Blalock was ordered at the Sunday service.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the gratitude of this Association be extended to Almighty God for the pleasant environments surrounding this session.

Also that our thanks be extended to the surrounding community for their hospitality during the meeting

Committee on Religious exercise reports Sunday School Mass Meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow conducted by Bro. A. W. White.

Sermon at 11 by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner, followed by Eld. D. W. Pool.

Adjourned with Prayer by Eld. J. A. White

SUNDAY.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the great medium by and through which we can most effectually reach the hearts of our girls and boys. It also has in it a spiritual work of rich rewards; and "He that reapeth receiveth wages" saith Jesus, "and gathereth unto life eternal."

The Christian should give this careful thought. If called to preach God's Word, you will then take your station in life, if not, your presence, at least, is required at Sabbath School. Every Christian would then be as a city set upon a hill. and men seeing their good works, would glorify our Father who is in heaven

A. W. White.

Interesting talks on Sunday School were made by Bro. A. W. White, Bro. J. W. Watts, Eld. T. A. Caudle.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner preached at 11 o'clock from 2 Chron. 20:17, followed by Eld. D. W. Pool,

text 2 Cor. 8:9.

Collection for Foreign Missions $10.60.

J. W. Watts, Moderator.

J. J. H. Pool, Clerk.

HISTORIAN'S WORK.

Each session of the Alexander Association seems to have been the best. This has been a remarkably good one, to say the least. The congregations have been large, all of the exercises good, the hospitality of the people unbounded and altogether we feel that good has been accomplished.

HISTORY OF CONCORD CHURCH.

Concord Church was organized Nov. 26th, 1852, Presbytery consisting of Elders R. L. Steel, J. B. Green and I. Oxford, and John B. Green, Moderator, with Edward Turner as Secretary, the members being brethren John Prichard, William Davis (father of Capt. James L. Davis, of Sulphur Spings) Milas A. Faulkner, Cyrus Drum, Joel Warren, Joseph T. Faulkner, and Edward Turner; Sisters Sarah Pritchard, Nancy E. Davis, daughter of Wm. Davis, Nancy Faulkner, Jane C. Faulkner, Martha M. Faulkner, Laura Davis, wife of Wm. Davis, and Nancy Warren.

At the time of organization John Pritchard and Milas a Faulkner were appointed deacons, and Edward Turner church clerk and Elder John W. Jones was chosen pastor and served until his death in 1853.

R. L. Steel became pastor Dec. 22nd, 1853, and

served for a year or two, alternating with J. S. Bryant, March 20th, 1858. R. L, Steel and J. B. Green were called for one year. Then J. B. Green was pastor until 1860. Then James Reed was pastor until he went into the Confederate Army. During the troublous war times, the church hardly held together but was served from time to time by the old brethren of the church. From the 28th day of October, 1864 until 15th of July, 1865, there was no record, the clerk being pressed into the Confederate army. I. Oxford became pastor July 15th, 1866, and served until the end of the year. A. B. Ervin was pastor until October, 1866. Jacob Crouch became pastor in July, 1867 and served until 1869. During most of the time from the close of time from the close of the war when the pastor was gone the clerk, D. W. Levan, would preach. D. W. Levan became pastor and clerk in 1869 and served until October 17th, 1876. From this time until Nov. 1878, there was no regular pastor and not much church record From 1878 until Sept 5th, 1880, W. A. Pool was pastor. Then C. C. Pool until Jan. 15th, 1882. There is no record from this time until September, 1885 when W. J. Bumgarner became pastor and served until April, 1896. C. C. Pool was pastor until August, 1897. O. W. Triplet became pastor in October 1897 and served until July 1899. J. A. White was pastor till February, 1900. The church was without a pastor until February 1902 when C. E. Beaver became pastor and served until September 1906. C. E. Irvin was pastor for one year. T. A. Caudle then became pastor and

is still serving the church very efficiently.

Edward Turner was church clerk from the organization until March, 1856; J. B. Faulkner from that time until October 22nd, 1864, when he went into the war and lost his life (at Hanover Junction) J. F. Faulkner then became clerk, but soon died, and Edward Turner was appointed again but could not serve on account of sickness, and A. B. Ervin acted as clerk exofficio. D. W. A. Levan was clerk from Jan 1866 until 1872, James J. Pool was clerk from June 5th, 1872 until July 1873. From this time until 1878 there was no clerk and no record. In November 1878 A. V. Turner, son of the first clerk, Edward Turner, became clerk and served until November 1887 in 1888 J, M. Martin became clerk and served until September 1894. Then W. D Gryder was clerk for two months until he died, then B. F. Gryder was clerk until Nov. 1906. W. C. Pierce has been clerk from that time.

This church was an outgrowth of the "Sons of Temperance" movement and in the covenant, they expressed their belief in the greatest liberty to their members belonging to such organizations as Sons of Temperance, Free Masonary, etc. It has had its bright and joyous periods as evidenced by the frequent protracted camp meetings before the war; and then it has had its dark and gloomy times when it seemed to nearly become extinct. It seems to have been located at a strategetical point and we believe it was of the Lord's planting and it now seems under wise leadership and will doubtless accomplish great things for the Maker.

OBITUARIES.

Orpha I. Warren, wife of David B. Warren and daughter of W. C. Pierce and wife, Mary A., born 25th 1872. She professed faith in Christ at about the age of thirteen years and was baptised into Concord church by W. J. Bumgarner and died June 15, 1908. She lived a very consistent Christian life, and died strong in the faith and full of hope and requested her loved ones not to grieve for her. She left a husband and five little children, a father, mother and brother, but their loss is her gain and we feel that close beside the great white throne she is beckoning "come." FATHER.

Capt. H. H. Drum, was born March 6th, 1823; died Nov. 15 1905, aged 82 years, 8 months and 9 days. He united with Concord Baptist church about 1872 and lived a consistent member of the same until death. He was an excellent man, an exemplary citizen, a quiet, humble Christian. Truly a great man is fallen in Isreal.

FORMER PASTOR

Sister Elizabeth Watts, "Aunt Betty", wife of the late brother A. C. Watts, born Nov. 11th 1826 and died Sept. 20th, 1908, aged eighty one years, ten months and 9 days. She professed faith in Christ in early life and joined Little River Baptist church. On account of "Son's of Temperance" question, she with several others united with Taylorsville church. Afterward for convenience, she became a member of Liberty church and later of Three Forks, of which she was a memger at the time of her death. She was the mother of ten children, five boys and five girls. Two of her children a boy and a girl, and her husband, went home before her. She was a very quiet, unobtrusive woman, very affectionate wife and mother, a kind neighbor, but above all a sincere Christian. Seldom has it been the lot of a mother to have such a hold upon the affections of her children or to be the mother of so large and altogether respectable a family. "Who can find a virtuous woman. Her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her."

"Her children also rise up and call her blessed." Prov. 31 ch.

A NEIGHBOR.

Bro. William Pinkney Echerd, born ———— and died ———— He professed faith and joined Three Forks church in 1881. He was indeed a cheerful, seemingly happy Christian. This writer never knew him out of humer or angry. His life should be an inspiration to those by whom he was surrounded. His wife had been gone several years and he leaves five sons and one daughter to mourn his loss and we trust to imitate his virtues.

Nelson Crouch, son of the late Rev. Jacob Crouch, died Sept. 25th, aged about seventy-two. He became a member of Little River church in early life. At the time of his death he was a member of Three Forks church. His life was not aggressive but was quiet retiring and inoffensive. He leaves two sons and two daughters, with several grand children and other relatives, but he is not lost but gone before.

Sister Jane Alexander, wife of brother Augustus T. Alexander, born Feb. 19th 1851; died Aug. 23d, 1908, aged 57 years, 6 months and four days Her maiden name was Warren. At the early age of eleven years she professed faith in Christ and joined Sulphur Springs church and for forty six years she lived a consistent Christian life. She had a great faith in her Master and church, and was entirely resigned to the Lord s will. During all her sickness she said if it was the Lord's will for her to get well, it was her will; if it was the Lord's will to take her away, his will be done, not hers. She said death had no terrors for her. She said it would not last long and it did not for she died like one going to sleep without a struggle, groan or a frown. Her husband one son and two daughters survive her. one daughter went before her to the spirit land. She leaves seventeen granchildren living—one dead. "And I heard a voice saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

HUSBAND.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total	Males	Females	Total	Ordained Ministers	Time of Preaching
Antioch	9	2		11	3	1	4	9	137	170	307	1	4th
Bethel	19	2	2	23	6	1	2	9	99	145	244	2	1st
Bethlehem	5	5		10	5	2	3	10	64	121	185		3rd
Bland St.	4	4	2	6	2	3	1	5	12	8	20	1	2nd
Concord	6	1	1	8	1	1	1	3	50	74	124		3rd
Damascus		2	2	4	1	1	1	3	41	55	96	1	1st
Dover						2	1	3	16	27	43		2nd
Island Ford						3	2	5	46	83	129	1	4th
Lebanon		1		1	1		2	3	27	42	69	1	4th
Liledoun	10	1	1	12	6	2	2	10	56	76	132	1	4th
Linney's Grove	5		1	6	1	2	1	4	39	69	108	1	4th
Little River						3	2	5	67	139	206		1st
Macedonia						3	2	5	28	43	71		4th
Mt. Nebo	10	1		11	6	1	2	9	59	92	151		3rd
Mt. Olive	8	2		12	8	1	2	11	77	67	144		2nd
Pilgrim	9	2	2	13	6	4	2	12	19	22	41		3rd
Pleasant Grove	16	9	1	26	9	2	6	17	44	94	138		3rd
Pleasant Hill	4	2	2	8	4	1	1	6	50	100	150		3rd
Poplar Springs	9	5	3	17	5	1	2	8	68	110	178		3rd
Sulphur Springs	5	3	2	10	2	1	2	5	68	45	113	1	3rd
Taylor Springs	3	5	1	9	4	1	4	9	27	48	75		2nd
Taylorsville	5	1		6	1	1	2	4	84	133	217	2	3rd
Three Forks	1			1	2			2					
	21	1	1	23	2								

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Church Expenses	Other Objects
Antioch	38.05	25.50		16.00	1.65	25.00	32.00
Bethel	75.00	21.46			.90		
Bethlehem	30.00	6.01			1.10		
Bland St.	72.00	5.70			1.00	120.00	35.00
Concord	67.00	10.00		3.88	.85		
Damascus	95.55	8.60		5.00	1.15	6.70	14.40
Dover	20.00	1.55			1.00		
Island Ford		2.00			.25		
Lebanon		42.45	2.00		1.00		
Lileloun	50.00	4.50		1.00	1.00		
Linney's Grove		8.60			.65		
Little River		8.00			.75	55.00	
Macedonia	40.00	10.40		.85	1.00		
Mt. Nebo	60.00	5.98		3.00	.50	105.00	
Mt. Olive	20.00	5.88			.85		22.50
Pilgrim		6 31			.70		
Pleasant Grove	50.00	6.60	6.00	13.38	.50		
Pleasant Hill	20.00	4.45			.85	50.00	
Poplar Springs		2.42			.75		
Sulphur Springs	94.88	26.55			.65	40.00	
Taylor Springs	35.00	7.45			.80		2.85
Taylorsville		21.66	8.00	10.00	1.70		
Three Forks	.50	32.00			2.00		
Walnut Grove		10.04					
Berea		6 13					
Col. at Ass'n.		10.60		10.30			

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Antioch	J. M. Shaver	Dealyille N. C.	R. S. Austin	Dealville N. C.
Bethel	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No 1, N. C.	J. Y. Williams	Vashti N. C.
Bethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Dealville N. C	Wm. W. Teague	Bently N. C.
Bland St.	L. R. Norket	Mountain Island N. C.	W. E Austin	Charlotte N. C.
Concord	F. A. Caudle	Cooleemee N. C.	W C. Pierce	Stony Point No 3 N. C.
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C.	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville No 5 N. C.
Dover	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C.	G. B. Pennell	Taylorsville No. 4 N. C.
Island Ford	J. N. Binkley	Hamptonville N. C.	T. A. Stewart	Stony Point No. 1 N. C.
Lebanon	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C.	T. L Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C.
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C.	J. W. Watts	Liledoun N. C.
Linney's Grove	T. E. Redman	New Hope No. 1 N. C	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite No 1 N. C.
Little River	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C	J. W. Deal	Taylorsville N. C.
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No 5 N. C.	J. E. Chatham	Taylorsville No. 1 N. C.
Mt. Nebo	J. N. Binkley	Hamptonville, N. C.	G. L. Steele	Stony Point N. C.
Mt. Olive	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville N. C.	J. J. Lowe	Poor's Knob No. 2. N. C
Pilgrim	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C.	J. M Query	Hiddenite No 1 N. C.
Pleasant Grove	T. E. Redman	New Hope No 1 N. C.	R. E. Levan	Stony Point No. 2 N. C.
Pleasant Hill	W. J Bumganer	Taylorsville No 5, N. C.	S. J. Harrington	Taylorsville No 3 N. C.
Poplar Springs	W. E. Linney	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C.	J. A. Pennell	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C.
Sulphur Spring	D. W Pool	Taylorsville No. 3 N. C.	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite N. C.
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Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C.	A. C Payne	Taylorsville N. C.
Three Forks	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C.	J. J. H. Pool	Taylorsville No. 4 N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPTS.	POST OFFICE	Enrolled	Average	Sunday School Expenses	Officers and Teachers
Antioch	W. E. White	Taylorsville No. 4 N. C.	75			5
Bethel						
Bethlehem	C. S. Holton	Charlotte N. C.	20		4 00	4
Bland St.	W. C. Pierce	Stony Point No. 3 N. C.	40		4 00	5
Concord	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville No. 5 N. C.	80	40	4 50	8
Damascus						
Dover	J. M. Forrner	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C.	60			5
Island Ford	J. W. Watts	Lilledoun N. C.	105		15 00	5
Lebanon						
Liledoun	J. T. Christopher	Stony Point N. C.	122	78	31 00	10
Linney's Grove	J. Partee Russell	Taylorsville N. C.	75	43		
Little River	L. L. Londermilk	Hiddenite No. 1 N. C	123			11
Macedonia	E. S. Millsaps	Statesville N. C.	70		5 00	5
Mt. Nebo						
Mt. Olive	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite N. C.	30		6 00	5
Pilgrim	S. A. Goffry	New Hope No. 1 N. C.	43			6
Pleasant Grove	E. C. Sloan	Taylorsville N. C.	35		8 70	5
Pleasant Hill	W. S. McLeod	Taylorsville No. 4 N. C.	70			5
Poplar Springs						
Sulphur Springs						
Taylor Springs						
Taylorsville						
Three Forks						

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Clerk, J. J. H. Pool, Taylorsville, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH,
Thursday, September 30, 1909.

The Alexander County Baptist Association met in its twenty-third annual session at this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Shaver. Text Jonah 1:6.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator read Mathew 28. Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

Letters from the churches were called for and Brother S. C. Johnson and Elder D. W. Pool were asked to read the same.

The following messengers were enrolled:

Mt. Nebo.—J. O. Steele, B. F. Steele, C O Pierce.
Bethlehem —E W. Teague, V. W Teague, T. G. Teague.
Damascus.—C. L Millsaps, N. G. Sloan, R. D. Goodin.
River Run.—C. S. Holton.
Island Ford.—J. H. Hoke, P. O. Stewart
Pilgrim—J. M Query, J. C. Millsaps, R. Carson.
Taylorsville.—J. D. Smith, C. H. Goodin, J. G. Harrington
Lebanon.—W. J. Bumgarner, T. L. Bumgarner, J. C Fortner.
Little River.—J. W. Deal, Jno. T. Rodgers, A K Rodgers
Taylor Springs.—H. T Williams, M. O. Williams, R. D. Williams
Liledoun.—J. W. Watts, Jonah Harris, N. P. Wilson.
Sulphur Springs.—W. M. Lackey, A. F Sharpe, John M. Steele.
Poplar Springs.—D. F. Walker, J. B. Walker, C. S. Robinette.
Pleasant Hill.—S. J. Harrington, D C. Laws, J. W. Pharr.
Dover.—G. B. Pennell, T. L. Pennell, W. D Mooney.
Three Forks.—J. J. H. Pool, W. F Milstead.
Concord.—F. L Gryder, B F Williams.
Linneys Grove.—J P. Headrun, J. F. Baker, J. F. McLain.

Bethel.—J. Y. Williams, Leonard Childers, L. E. Barnes.
Antioch.—R L. Downs, W. A. Hollar, G. W. Caldwell.
Macedonia.—J. E. Chatham, H. Christopher, W. R. Teague.
Pleasant Grove.—R. L. Levan, J. W. Brotherton, J. W. Levan.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion the officers of last year were elected by acclamation.

Moderator, J. W. WATTS.
Clerk, J. J. H POOL.
Treasurer, W. J. BUMGARNER.
Historian, W. S. McLEOD.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor and Messengers of Damascus Church.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS --J. E. Chatham, J. G. Harrington, T. L. Bumgarner.

NOMINATIONS.—V. W. Teague, J. P. Hendren, J. W. Deal.

FINANCE.—A. F. Sharpe, J. H. Hoke, R. L. Downs.

New churches were called for and Bethany Church presented a letter from Brier Creek Association. They were received and Brethren E. C. Moore, J. P. Baker and E. E. Pool were enrolled as messengers.

The following vacancies on Standing Committees were filled:

EDUCATION.—A. F. Sharpe.
TEMPERANCE.—S. C. Johnson.
DUTIES TO THE POOR.--N. G. Sloan, D. W. Pool.

The following order of exercises was adopted:

Prayer service at 9:30 A. M,
Sermon at 11 A. M.
Resume business at 1 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

Committee on Religious exercises reports: Prayer service tomorrow, Elder D. W. Pool. Sermon, Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

Adjourned with Benediction by Elder W. E. Linney.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer services conducted by Elder D. W. Pool.

Read minutes of yesterday. Report on Duties to the Poor, read by Brother Archibald Johnson, and spoken to by Bro. Johnson. A collection of $22.82 was taken for the Orphanage. Sermon by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner, text 1 Cor. 2:2. Prayer by Bro. Archibald Johnson.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. C. E. Maddry. The letter from Mt. Olive was handed in and read by Eld. D. W. Pool, and the following messengers enrolled, B. S. Kerley, L. F. Davis and John Deal.

Speeches on Duties to the Poor were made by Elders D. W. Pool and J. P. Gwaltney. Report adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

In the year 1885 the Orphanage began its work. Since its establishment there have been in round numbers, one thousand children under its care.

The plant consists of 450 acres of fairly good land. The farm under the management of Brother S. H. Averitt, the farmer and treasurer.

There are ten dormitories which average 38 children each. The exact number at the Orphanage at present is 382. The value of the Orphanage property is about $125,000 and there is an invested fund of $102,000, $100,000 of which was given to the institution by one man, Dennis Simmons, whose name should be a household word in every Baptist home in North Carolina.

The cost of maintaining an Orpan is $6.42 per month. This includes not only the meat and bread and clothing of the children, but it covers the salary of every employee of the institution from the General Manager down.

There are about 35 employees in all. A dozen of them are teachers. The school consists of eight grades, and the children who pass through the eighth grade have the privilege of attending the Graded School in the town of Thomasville which carries ten grades.

The religious advantages of the children at the Orphanage are excellent. The church is composed of the employees and the children, and the pastor, Rev. T. S. Crutchfield, preaches twice each month. The Sunday School is bright and attractive, and the children are brought up in a Missionary atmosphere.

Some 500 Sunday Schools in North Carolina are giving a monthly collection to the Orphanage. We commend this plan to the Schools of our Associations. A large number of our Churches also make an annual collection at Thanksgiving. The offerings from this source alone last year amounted to nearly $10,000.

Brethren these children at Thomasville are our own. We are their guardians and their foster fathers. They have no other source of help than from the Baptist people of North Carolina. This appeal though silent is powerful, and comes directly to the churches. No agency stands between us and them. What we give goes straight to the Orphanage treasury.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

D. W. POOL.

Visiting Brethren were asked for and Elders Chas. E. Maddry and J. F. Mitchner, of Statesville, N. C., accepted seats.

Report on Evidences of a Call to the Ministry read by Elder L. P. Gwaltney, and discussed by Elders L. P. and J. P. Gwaltney. Adopted.

REPORT ON EVIDENCE OF A CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

That there is a divine call is evident–see Pauls introduction in most of his Epistles uses the term called, separated, not of men but of Jesus Christ and God the Father, Romans 1:1. Galatians, 1:1, 15, 18.

Evidence (1) An impression by the Spirit so deep, so pungent as to eliminate peace and joy from the life, except as we follow his leading in discharge of this duty, 1 Corinthians 9:16.

Evidence (2) An earnest longing desire for the salvation of the lost, 1 Corinthians 9:22, Romans 9:3

Evidence (3) Great self denial see 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 Acts 20: 28-36.

Brethren pray for a Spirit called Ministry, the Greatest need

of our day.

L. P. and J. P. GWALTNEY, Com.

Report on Education read by Elder W. E. Linney, and spoken to by Elders W. E. Linney and J. P. Gwaltney. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Every man should strive to fit himself for the greatest possible degree of usefulness to himself, his country, and his God. Since the training of the mind is an indespensible feature in the preparation for greater usefulness, we would encouarge the spirit of education now existing among our people as a secular interest.

We can recommend any of the High Schools within the bounds of this Association.

W. E. LINNEY,
A. F. SHARPE.

Report on Temperance of last year read by Bro. S. C. Johnson, and spoken to by Bro. S. C. Johnson, Elders D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver, J. F. Mitchner, Chas. E. Maddry, and Bro. A. F. Sharpe. Adopted

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

As Temperance is a fruit of the Spirit and intemperance the opposite or work of the flesh, see Gal. 5:10-23; 1 Cor. 9:25. Therefore to build up the temperance cause in our land we must look wholly to the Spirit. Christian people should totally avoid that which is wholly evil and be temperate in what may result in evil.

The form of intemperance that overshadows all others is the immoderate use of intoxicants. We feel that Christians should fight this cause with prayer and great patience.

S. C. JOHNSON.

Appointed F. J. H. Pool on Sunday School Committee.

Song by choir.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports, A. F. Sharpe to conduct Prayer Service to-morrow and Elder Livingstone Johnson to preach at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned with benediction by Elder J. F. Mitcher.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. A. F. Sharpe.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Visiting Brethren asked for and Bro. T. L. Goforth of Brier Creek Association, and Elder Livingstone Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C., accepted seats.

A resolution regarding the Baptist School property at Taylorsville, N. C., was offered by Bro. R. L. Downs and adopted.

Resolved, That this Association disapprove of the lease which has been made of the Baptist School property in Taylorsville, N. C, for public school purpose.

Resolved further, That we disclaim any intention to cripple the school in Taylorsville and do not object to a lease for a reasonable number of years or until such time as we may need the building for our own purposes, but we do object to an indefinite lease which may hold the property for all time.

Report on Missions read by Eld. W. E. Linney and discussed by Elders W. E. Linney, D. W. Pool and Livingstone Johnson.

After a song by the class the body adjourned for sermon by Elder Livingstone Johnson text Phil. 3:10. Prayer by Elder L P. Gwaltney.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder Livingstone Johnson.

The Mission subject was again taken up and Elder L. Johnson again addressed the body on State Missions and Elder J. M. Shaver on Associational Missions. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The evangelization of the world is the legitimate work of the church, Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16. This command was given primarily to the Apostles and their successors as preachers, yet the church as the custodian of the truths of the Bible has the only right to ordain, send forth, and maintain the gospel ministry at home and

abroad. 1 Tim. 3:15; Rev. 2:2. It is the indespensable duty of the church to maintain those thus sent forth, Phil. 4th chapter.

We recommend the direct, or gospel plan of communication.

We earnestly urge the pastors to keep this important duty constantly before the churches.

W. E. LINNEY,
D. W. POOL.

Report on Fundamental Doctrines read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and spoken to by Elders W. J. Bumgarner and J. M. Shaver. Adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

The fundamental doctrines of the Bible are those principles upon which rest the structure of our christian religion

Among these we mention, the Divinity of Christ, the atonement made by Christ, the total depravity of man and the necessity of Regeneration to re-instate him into the favor of God.

(2) That this condition is brought about by repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Your committe would urge that we hold fast to the old time doctrine of repentance. We remember that the Forerunner of Christ refused to baptise those that did not give evidence of repentance. Therefore we recommend that this old doctrine, this humiliating doctrine, be proclaimed from time to time from our pulpits; for without this there is no salvation. For Jesus said "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BUMGARNER.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner made a talk encouraging subscriptions to the Missionary Helper.

Report on Sunday Schools read by clerk and talks were deferred until Sunday morning.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are commanded to search the Scriptures. To prove all things.

The church is the mother and she should be found nourishing and caring for the young converts.

The soil should be prepared for the seed sown by the preacher and this is a work of the church and can in our opinion be well done in the Sunday School.

J. J. H. POOL.

The other Reports were ordered spread on the minutes without reading.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We find in this Association, twenty-four Churches with a total membership of 3260, a net gain over last year of 115

Added—by Baptism 236, by letter 62, by restoration 12, lost by death 38, by letter 87, by exclusion 16.

Fourteen churches report an aggregate pastoral salary of $758 36. Five churches report for building and repairs $1,258 82. Five for other objects $96 58.

The letters show the following contributions—Foreign Missions $599 78, State Missions $62 25, Associational Missions $1 35, Orphanage $91 27, Minute Fund $24 30.

Nineteen Sunday Schools are reported with 1460 enrolled and expenses $81 68.

J. E. CHATHAM,
J. G. HARRINGTON,
T. L. BUMGARNER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

EDUCATION—J. A. White, A. F. Sharpe.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES—G. Z. Bumgarner, W. E. Linney.

TEMPERANCE—R. L. Davis, J. P. Gwaltney, J. C. Blair.

EVIDENCES OF A CALL TO THE MINISTRY—W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool.

MISSIONS—L. P. Gwaltney, R. C. Cline, W. C. Linney.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS—J. M. Shaver, W. W. Teague.

DUTIES TO THE POOR—J. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Fortner.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. E. White, Ernest Bumgarner.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN—W. C. Linney, G. C. Meadows.
BRIER CREEK—E. C. Moore, A. C. Jones.
SOUTH YADKIN—C. L. Millsaps, R. E. Levan.
CALDWELL—W. S. McLeod, V. W. Teague.
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION—R. L. Davis, A. C. Payne.
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—J. A. White.

Place of next Association—Dover.
Time—Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1910.
Introductory Sermon—D. W. Pool: Alernate—R. L. Davis.

J. W. DEAL,
J. P. HENDREN,
V. W. TEAGUE.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Total
Antioch				$ 1 55	$ 1 55
Bethel	$ 1 00			1 30	2 30
Bethlehem				75	75
Bland St.	4 50			1 00	5 50
Bethany	8 22			1 10	9 32
Concord				45	45
Damascus	17 64			1 80	19 44
Dover	2 00			1 05	3 05
Island Ford				10	10
Lebanon	10 00		$ 1 50	1 10	12 60
Miledoun				1 00	1 00
Linney's Grove	10 70			1 55	12 25
Little River				60	60
Macedonia				1 25	1 25
Mt. Nebo				40	40
Mt. Olive				50	50
Pilgrim	4 20			80	5 00
Pleasant Grove	2 05			50	2 55
Pleasant Hill				75	75
Poplar Springs	1 60			95	2 55
Sulphur Springs	16 97			1 30	18 27
Taylor Springs	5 00			80	5 80
Taylorsville				1 70	1 70
Three Forks	3 20			2 00	5 20
Total	$87 08		$ 1 50	$24 30	$ 112 88

A. F. SHARPE, } Com.
R. L. DOWNS, }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From Oct. 1st, 1908 to Oct. 1st, 1909.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st	$26 60	
By check to Treas B. State Con.		16 00
" " " T. L. Blalock		10 60
	26 60	26 60
Oct. 10, 1908 Received from Liledoun church	200 00	
By check to T. L. Blalock		200 00
March 1909 Received of Lebanon church	5 13	
" " Little River "	6 45	
" " Three Fork "	7 10	
" " Antioch "	10 00	
" " Macedonia "	1 50	
" " Mt. Olive "	3 13	
For Orphanage, Antioch church	5 75	
Total	$39 06	
By check to Orphanage		5 75
" " " T. L. Blalock		33 31
	39 06	39 06
April 1909 Received of Sulphur Springs church	10 10	
" " Lebanon "	7 50	
" " Macedonia "	5 00	
" " Pleasant Hill "	1 95	
" " Three Fork "	4 28	
" " Little River "	2 05	
" " Mt. Nebo "	3 24	
" " Liledoun "	25 00	
" " Boomer ch Brushy Mt. Asso.	15 00	
Total	74 12	
By check to T. L. Blalock		74 12
Aug. Received of Macedonia church	6 55	
" " Antioch "	10 00	
" " Bethel "	10 00	
" " Sulphur Spgs. "	12 65	
" " Lebanon "	4 80	
Total	44 00	
By check to T. L. Blalock		44 00

Received of Pleasant Hill church	3 56	
" " Lebanon "	4 14	
" " Mt. Olive "	1 30	
" " Macedonia "	1 00	
" " Liledoun "	125 00	
Total	135 00	
Sept. 7th, 1909 By check to T. L. Blalock		135 00
Received of Mt. Olive church	1 73	
" " Bethlehem "	2 85	
" " Concord "	6 22	
" " Little River "	4 10	
" " Island Ford "	3 35	
" " Finance Com. for Orphanage	1 50	
" " " " " Missions	87 08	
" " " " Minute Fund	24 30	
" for Orphanage Concord Church	5 00	
" " " Bethlehem "	1 85	
" " " Sulphur Springs "	2 41	
" " " Antioch "	4 45	
Collection for Orphanage	22 82	
	167 66	
Turned over to Clerk		24 30
" " " Archibald Johnson		36 53
Collection Sunday for Missions	13 63	
Total	181 29	60 83
	60 83	
Balance in hand of Treasurer	120 46	

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BUMGARNER, Treas.

Correspondents Reported—Elders D. W. Pool, W. E. Linney attended the Brier Creek Association, and reported a pleasant session.

Ordered the Clerk to have five hundred copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to Almighty God for the pleasant session and environments.

Also, That the surrounding community be commended for their hospitality during the session.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports Bro. J. W. Watts to conduct prayer service and Elder L. P. Gwaltney to preach to-morrow.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. M. Shaver.

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SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. J. W. Watts.

Sunday School talks by Brethren J. J. H. Pool and J. W. Watts.

Sermon by Elder L. P. Gwaltney, text John 16:7.

Collection for Missions $13.63.

Benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

Afternoon service conducted by Elder J. M. Shaver.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

J. J. H. POOL, Clerk.

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HISTORIANS WORK.

The present session of this Association has been marked for the spirit of harmony shown and the earnest efforts it has made to advance the kingdom of our Master. The attendance and the attention have been good, the weather perfect, and the hospitality unbounded.

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HISTORY OF DAMASCUS CHURCH.

The Church at Damascus was constituted, May 11, 1839, by Elders John Angel and William Garner by an order of a call from Grassy Knob with the following members: Males—Wm. Goforth and Richard Hendren. Females—Esther Hendren, Susannah Brack, Tabitha Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Eunice Bowles, Orpha Sloan, Neety Sloan and Fanny Johnson.

The records do not show who was Moderator or Clerk. They do show that regular meetings were held and in August 1840 Nancy Sloan was received by experience. In February 1841 two were received by letter and one of these, K. Jordan was appointed Clerk.

It is supposed that Wm. Goforth served the church as pastor until February 1842 when Wm. Garner was unanimously elected pastor. Garner served as pastor until December 1849 when he and Wm. Chapell were both called. In January 1851 Garner was again called and served until December 1854 when Wm. Chappell was again called. W. G. Brown was called March 1858 and from December 1859 J. G. Bryant served one year. Brown served from 1860 to 1871 when W. A. Pool was elected for one year. Brown was again pastor until December 1875 when L. P. Gwaltney was elected and Brown was again elected in September 1979 and

served until December 1888. J. P. Gwaltney was then elected and has served continuously to the present time.

K. Jordan was clerk until August 1847 when J. A. Barkley was elected assistant. In 1854 J. G. Sloan was elected clerk and he served until Deeember 1876 when A. D. Goodin was elected. In January 1885 E. C. Sloan was elected clerk and during the same year S. C. Johnson was made assistant. They served until February 1889 when N. G. Sloan was elected with S. C. Johnson assistant and in January 1903 S. C. Johnson was elected clerk with W. F. Mason assistant. The present clerk C. L. Millsaps was elected in August 1907.

This church is remarkable for its small beginning, present size, good Sunday School, good singing, and the harmony with which it has grown and thriven for seventy years.

During that time three men have served as pastor for sixty-four years. Two men have served as pastor for forty-nine years a record that can hardly be found elsewhere. May the Father give them the power of his Spirit that they may be useful in his vineyard.

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OBITUARIES.

Sister Oma E. Carlton daughter of W. W. and M. A. Teague was born April 8, 1888. At the early age of thirteen she professed faith in Christ and joined Bethlehem Baptist Church where she remained a consistent member until the time of her death She was married to Mr. Steele Carlton August 9, 1908 and lived happily with him in his home in Caldwell county until her death which was April 23, 1909, leaving a husband, a father, a brother, and a sister, and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss

Sister Oma Carlton was always cheerful and made friends with all whom she met. To know her was to love her.

All are grief sticken at her loss, but let us not sorrow as others who have no hope. for if we believe that Christ died and rose again, those also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Let us comfort each other with these words.

AN UNCLE.

Mary Caroline Watts, daughter of Fielding Ingram was born in Iredell County, N. C., August 27, 1854. Her father removed to Alexander county when she was a young girl. When sixteen years of age she joined the church at Macedonia. She has ever been a firm believer in Christ and trusting in his blessed promises, has remained faithful to the end.

She was married to Sion E. Watts, December 24, 1879, and has spent most of her life in the vicinity of Taylorsville, N. C.

She departed this life February 9, 1909, and leaves to mourn her loss a husband and several children and one grandchild, also three brothers one sister and many friends

She was a faithful and loving wife ever striving to perform her duty well, and as an indulgent mother took great delight in her children.

HER SON, P. E. WATTS,

Sister L E. Fox, wife of Bro. Jas J. Fox, born November 25, 1873, and died August 29, 1909, aged thirty-five years, nine months and four days. She became a believer in Christ in her early girlhood and joined Antioch church. Later she removed her membership to Bethlehem. At the time of her death she was living near Three Forks, and at her request was buried there. She had been blind for several years but we trust that now she is an inhabitant of that City where there is no night, that her eyes have seen the King. "And the City had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God did brighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

Samuel Perkins Watson was born June 9th, 1867; married Miss Vesta Caldwell December 7, 1893; died March 5, 1909, from injuries caused by a runaway mule.

He joined Antioch Church in his early boyhood and lived a consistent Christian life. His distinguishing characteristic was his sterling integrity. What Sam Watson stated of his own knowledge was never discredited by any person.

W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Antioch	J. M. Shaver	Taylorsville	R. S. Austin	Dealville
Bethany	W. E. Linney	Hiddenite	E. E. Pool	Gilreath
Bethel	W. E. Linney	Hiddenite	J. Y. Williams	Taylorsville
Bethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Dealville	W. W. Teague	Bently
Concord	T. A. Candle	Cana	W. C. Pierce	Stony Point
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville
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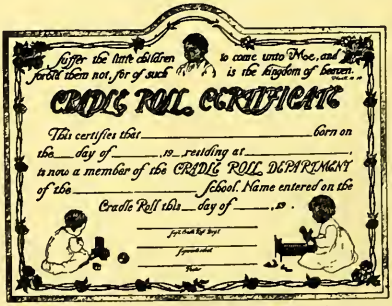
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PROCEEDINGS.

DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH,

Thursday, September 29th, 1910.

The Alexander County Baptist Association met, in its twenty-fourth annual session, with this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. L. P. Gwaltney. Text, Mark 16: 3-4,

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Bro. W. E. White. Prayer by Elder J. B. Reid.

R. L. Downs was requested to act as temporary Clerk.

Letters from the churches were called for and Brethren W. O. Bowman and C. L. Millsaps were asked to read the same.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Bethel.—J. Y. Williams, J W. Barnette, J. W. Baker.
Lebanon.—M C. Davis, J. W. Chapman, J M Fortner.
Taylorsville.—J. G. Harrington, G. C Teague. Thomas Watts.
Pleasant Grove.—R. E. Levan, J. W. Bretherton.
Three Forks.—Jno. B. Echerd, Clyde Tuttle, P. E. Johnson.
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Island Ford · J. H. Hoke, L. S. Sherrill.
Damascus.—C. L Millsaps. S. C. Johnson, J. H. Bryant.
Sulphur Springs.—B F. Patterson, J. N. Lackey, J. A. Robinette.
Bethany.—W. E. Hendren, T. J. Tedder, E. E. Pool.
Pilgrim.—B. F Childers.

Linney's Grove.—R. J. Millsaps, Z. W. Lackey, I. N. Smith.
Antioch.—W. O. Bowman, Parks White, E. N. Montgomery.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Eld. D. W. Pool the following officers were elected by acclamation:

L. P. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
W. J. BUMGARNER, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

New churches were called for and Bro. A. W. White presented a letter from Stony Point Baptist Church which was received and Brethren A. W. White, Daniel Gryder and N. P. Stout were enrolled as messengers.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES — Pastor and Delegates of Dover Church.
NOMINATIONS.—John G. Harrington, B. F. Patterson, Z. W. Lackey.
FINANCE.—John B. Echerd, A. W. White, R. E. Levan.
DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.—J. E. Chatham, J. H. Hoke, J. W. Deal.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint all necessary committees.

Visiting brethren were called for and Eld. J. B. Reid and Bro. H. H. Crisp, both of the Caldwell Association, responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

The Moderator then announced the following additional committees; to wit:

MISSIONS.—L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, S. C. Johnson
DUTIES TO THE POOR —G. Z. Bumgarner, J. E. Chatham, J. W. Pharr.
EDUCATION.—J. M. Shaver, E. N. Montgomery, J. W. Barnett.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS —B. F. Patterson, W. E Linney, J. W. Pharr.
TEMPERANCE.—W. S. McLeod. D. E. Gryder, H. L. Warren.
CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.—W. E. Linney, J. B. Reid, J. P. Gwaltney.

The following order of exercises was adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30, A. M.
Sermon at 11, A. M.
Resume business at 1, P. M.
Adjourn at will.

Brethren W. E. White and W. S. McLeod addressed the Association on a matter of Local Baptist History and Bro. White was authorized to have published in the minutes such article as he might wish to prepare on the subject.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Prayer Service tomorrow, A. W. White. Sermon, Eld. J. P. Gwaltney.

On motion the subject of Church and Pastoral Relations was made a special order for tomorrow morning.

Adjourned with the Benediction by Eld. D. W. Pool

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer service conducted by Bro. A. W. White.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The church letter from Dover was presented and read and H. C. Pennell, Robert Teaater and W. D. Mooney enrolled as messengers.

Visiting brethren were called for and Brethren J. L. McLeod and C. L. Sherrill, of the Caldwell Association, were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

At his own request, and on motion of D. W. Pool, L. P. Gwaltney was relieved from acting as Moderator and J. W. Watts chosen in his stead.

By special order the subject of Church and Pastoral Relations was taken up.

The report was read by Eld. W. E. Linney.

Elders W. E. Linney and J. B. Reid discussed the report.

The time having arrived for the sermon, the subject was left open until the afternoon.

The class sang "Take it to the Lord in prayer," and Eld. J. P. Gwaltney preached from Acts 6:4.

Prayer by Bro. J. W. Watts.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. J. M. Shaver.

The Association resumed consideration of Church and Pastoral Relations. Elders J. P. Gwaltney and J. M. Shaver and Bro. W. S. McLeod made further remarks when the report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

We ought to prayerfully consider whether we are faithfully performing the duty we owe to each other as pastors and people as we should.

We believe that the pastor stands in the same relation to the church as a tender father to his household.—1st Thes. 2:7-11.

We believe that the pastor's life should be a shining example to the church in holiness and deeds of charity.—1st Thes. 2-10. 1st Pet. 5:2-3. Acts 20:33-35.

We believe also that he should not fail to declare all the truth.—Acts 20:26-27.

This committee has observed that charity, on the part the people, towards the pastors, is not what it should be, owing to the fact that a large per cent of the people never feel it their duty to contribute anything to their support.—See 9th Chap. of 1st Cor., where the Apostle urges this duty by illustrations of the soldier, the orchardist and the dairyman.

Your committee does not believe that the deacons of this Association have done or are doing their duty as lined out in the New Testament concerning the finance of the church.

W. E. LINNEY,
J. P. GWALTNEY, } Committee.
J. B. REID,

Visitors were again called for and Eld. W. R. Beach, of Cary, N. C., Raleigh Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat. He spoke briefly in the interest of the Biblical Recorder. Bro. J. L. Beach, of the Caldwell Association, also accepted a seat.

The report on Missions was read by Eld. L. P Gwaltney and, after being spoken to by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and J. W Linney, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

In the judgment of your committee the confusion, not to say friction, in mission methods can only be adjusted by a strict construction of New Testament principles as to our marching orders in Matt. 28: 19 and Mark 16:15. The emphatic words in these orders are: "Go preach and depend on Me"

Clearly the true missionary must be Spirit called, guided and panoplied for his great work. He must be clothed with church authority, see Acts 13:1–3, as irresponsible preaching is never safe, Acts 15:24

Let it be remembered that true missionaries are gifts to the church in answer to prayer and when thus given it becomes the duty of the Church to sustain them by their prayers.

"Pray for us"—The repeated request of the great apostle, should have due weight with us.

Also we should give freely and cheerfully of our means as the "Lord may prosper us," to help, encourage. sustain, but never to hire men to labor in the vineyard of our Lord.

Your committee fully appreciates the gloom and discouragements of our foreign work at present still instead of yeilding to inactivity we should arouse to stronger faith in God and greater activity to spread the Gospel at home and abroad. For these scriptural efforts, in the light of history, cannot fail.

We recommend still to give and work on the voluntary and direct plan.

L. P. GWALTNEY,
D W. POOL,
S. C. JOHNSON. } Com.

Eld. D. W. Pool moved that it is the sense of this Association that the money paid on the Po-Chow home in China be returned to Bro. J. W. Watts and used as

passage money for Bro. J. C. Blair as missionary to China, unless the donors ask for the return of the same.

And that Bro. Watts have the proposition published in the Missionary Helper so that those concerned may have opportunity to object if they so desire.

After being discussed by Elders D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver, J. P. Gwaltney and W. J. Bumgarner the motion was adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. W. S. McLeod and after being discussed by Bro. McLeod and Eld. W. R. Beach was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance has been defined as the moderate use of all things necessary or useful and the total abstinance from the use of all things unnecessary or hurtful.

We usually have reference to the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

Your committee is glad to report that so far as statutory laws are concerned our own State and eight others are temperate, and more than forty millions of the people of the United States are living under temperance laws, and during the last two years more than thirty thousand saloons have been closed.

The greatest trouble is our inter-state laws which allow shipping liquor into prohibition territory and not a single member in our National Congress bold enough or of enough moral conviction to sustain laws against the shipment of liquor into our territory.

W. S. McLEOD,
H. L. WARREN, } Committee.
D. E. GRYDER,

The church letter from Liledoun was read and William W. Fox, N. A Fox and L. Robert Smith enrolled as messengers.

The committee on Religious Exercises reports: Prayer meeting to-morrow conducted by Bro. J. W. Watts. Sermon, Eld. W. R. Beach.

Adjourned with the benediction by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. J. W. Watts.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Eld. G. Z. Bumgarner read the report on Duties to the Poor, and after being spoken to by Brethren J. W. Pharr, C. L. Millsaps and Elders G. Z. Bumgarner, W. R. Beach and W. J. Bumgarner was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

No man need stand idle in the Lord's work for want of something to do for we have the poor always with us. And the Lord has told us that it is our duty to help them, Mark 14:7, also John 12:8.

We earnestly advise our churches not to suffer any of their poor members or other poor to be allowed to become a county charge.

We would earnestly ask our brethren to contribute liberally to the Thomasville Orphanage

G. Z. BUMGARNER, }
J. W. PHARR, } Com.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, the choir sang "The gospel tide is rolling high" and Eld. W. R. Beach preached. Text, Job 22:21.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

Letters were presented by delinquent churches and messengers enrolled as follows:

Mt. Olive.—J. C Clanton, T. Z Webster, J. J. Lowe.
Bethlehem.—Charley Teague, Lee White, Wm. W. Teague.
Taylor Springs.—Represented by letter.

Bro. C. S. Holton turned over to the Association $25.00 from Bland St. Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. On motion it was given to the support of Bro. T. L. Blalock.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. J. W. Pharr, and adopted. The discussion of the subject was deferred until Sunday morning.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The object of the Sunday School is to study and teach the Holy Scriptures, a place where every Christian can and ought to work.

Your committee would earnestly impress the duty and privilege of gathering the children and the unsaved in the house of the Lord for the purpose of reading and studying the Scripture.

We are glad to note that there is an averege attendance in most of the schools.

Your committee would recommend to all the churches longer terms of school and more interest taken in gaining attendance.

B. F PATTERSON,
J. W. PHARR, } Com,
W. E. LINNEY.

Eld. J. M. Shaver read the report on Education.

He also discussed the report after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education, generally speaking, is that form of instructions received from our schools and colleges and by the study of books intended to develop and improve the intellect.

But in the fuller sense it comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper and form the manners and habits of youth and fit them for the greatest usefulness in their future stations.

To give our children a good education in manners, arts and science is one of our most important secular interests. But to religiously educate them is indispensable to their spiritual welfare both here and in the world to come, Prov 22:6, Eph 6:4.

We would do well to distinguish carefully between secular and religious education.

J. M. SHAVER, for Com.

On motion of Eld. L. P. Gwaltney Bro. W. E. White was requested to prepare an historical document concerning the pioneer Baptist within the bounds of this Association.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. J. G. Harrington. An amendment was offered by Eld. J. P. Gwaltney changing the meeting time of the Association.

The amendment was adopted and the report adopted as amended.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Working Committees.

Education.—J. A. White, R. L. Downs, A. F. Sharpe.
Fundamental Doctrines.—L. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner
Temperance.—W. E. White, W. S. McLeod, J E. Chatham.
Evidences of call to the Ministry.—J. M Shaver, J. P. Gwaltney.
Missions.—D. W. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner, R. L Davis.
Duties to the Poor.—J. P Gwaltney, C. L. Millsaps.
Sunday Schools.—W. E. White, S. C. Johnson, J. W. Watts.

Messengers to Associations.

Brushy Mt —J. Y. Williams, W. J. Bumgarner.
Brier Creek.—N. J. Sloan, W. E. Linney.
South Yadkin.—A F. Sharpe, R L. Davis.
Caldwell —R L. Downs, J. M. Shaver.
Baptist State Convention.—L. P. Gwaltney, A. C. Payne.
Southern Baptist Convention.—J. L. Gwaltney, R. L. Davis

Place of next Association.—Lebanon.
Time.—Thursday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1911.
Preach Introductory Sermon.—W. E. Linney, Alternate G. Z. Bumgarner.

J. G. HARRINGTON, } Com.
B. F. PATTERSON. }

On motion of Bro. W. E. White all other reports were made to, and passed upon by the Executive Board of the Association.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

[This report covers two years 1909-10.]

For 1909 twenty-four churches report a total membership of 3,260 with 236 baptisms, 62 received by letter, 12 retored, 38 deaths, 87 dismissions by letter. 16 by exclusion; leaving a net gain over 1908 of 119. Contributions: Foreign Missions $599.78 State Missions $62 25. Orphanage $91 27. Associational Missions $135. Fourteen Churches report a combined Pastoral Salary of $758 36. Other objects $96.58 Building and repairs $1,258.82. Nineteen Sunday Schools report a total enrollment of 1460. Expenses $81 68.

Report For 1910.

Eighteen churches report a total membership of 2496. Baptisms 75, received by letter 26, restored 5, deaths 19, dismissed by

letter 42, excluded 15. Contributions: Foreign Missions $114.97. State Missions $20.00. Orphanage $58.64. Eight churches report an aggregate Pastoral Salary of $515 00. Other objects $75.25. Building and repairs $1144.65. Incidental expenses $75.25. Associational $2.00. Bostic Home in China $11.15. Ten Sunday Schools report a enrollment of 809 with expenses amounting to $91.17. Minute fund $14.15.

J. E. CHATHAM, } Com.
J. W. DEAL. }

Matter shown by Church Letters received subsequent to the adoption of the above report will be found in the tabulated statistics.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the various churches as follows:

CHURCHES	Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund
Antioch			$ 2 00
Bethel			75
Bethany			80
Bethlehem			1 00
Dover			95
Damascus	$ 9 75		1 05
Island Ford	4 00		10
Lebanon			1 00
Liledoun			1 00
Linney's Grove	8 75		1 00
Little River	2 66		65
Macedonia			85
Mt. Nebo	2 60	$ 1 46	85
Mt. Olive	2 00		65
Pilgrim			75
Pleasant Grove	2 65	1 25	50
Pleasant Hill			85
Sulphur Springs			75
Stony Point			1 40
Three Forks	4 08		1 36
Taylorsville	5 25		1 25
Bal. Minute Funds 1909.			24 30
Total	$ 41 74	$ 2 71	$ 43 81

A. W. WHITE, } Com.
JNO. R. ECHERD. }

REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance on hand Oct. 2nd, 1909,	$127 70	
By check to T. L. Blalock		$ 126 20
" " " Orphanage		1 50
		127 70
Received, Antioch for Orphanage	3 65	
By check to Orphanage		3 65
March 1910. Received of Pleasant Hill	2 10	
" " Bethel	5 00	
" " Lebanon	9 56	
" " Macedonia	4 52	
" " Antioch	3 40	
Total	$24 49	
By check to T. L. Blalock		$24 49
Received Macedonia	3 00	
" Little River	3 00	
" Mt. Olive	4 02	
" Bethlehem	3 05	
" Lebanon	3 50	
" J. W. Watts	10 00	
" Sulphur Springs	19 75	
Total	$46 32	
By check to T L. Blalock		$46 32
Sept. 1910. Received Pleasant Hill	3 06	
" J. W. Watts	5 00	
" Concord	1 00	
" Bethel	7 00	
" Mt. Olive	10	
" Macedonia	25	
" Antioch	3 65	
" Lebanon	12 06	
" Sulphur Springs	4 00	
" Bethany	3 65	
" Bethel	3 00	
" S. C. Holton	25 00	
" Antioch	4 95	
" Taylor Springs	4 75	
" Finance Committee	41 74	
Total	$119 21	
For Orphanage	3 71	
Minute fund 1910.	19 51	

" " 1909.		24 30
Total		$166 73
Turned Minute funds over to Clerk		$43 81

Respectfully submitted,
W. J BUMGARNER, Treas.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have 400 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

The MS. of minutes of the Association of 1909 being lost, the following committee was appointed by the Moderator to help the Clerk get up as nearly as possible the minutes of that session :—W. E. White, W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver, J. W. Watts.

On motion of Eld. L. P. Gwaltney a vote of thanks was tendered the people of the community of Dover for the very kind and hospitable manner in which the Association had been entertained.

On motion a collection was ordered at the Sunday service the proceeds to be given to Dover church to help discharge debt against new house of worship.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports prayer service to-morrow Eld. W. J. Bumgarner, followed by Sunday School Mass Meeting to be addressed by Brethren W. E. White and J. W. Watts. Sermon Eld. L. P. Gwaltney,

Adjourned with old fashioned hand shake followed with prayer by Eld. J. M. Shaver.

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SUNDAY.

Prayer service conducted by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

Interesting speeches on the subject of Sunday Schools were made by Brethren W. E. White and J. W. Watts.

At 11 o'clock the congregation sang "There is a

fountain filled with blood,'' and Eld. L. P. Gwaltney preached a most powerful and impressive sermon from Revelation 20 :12.

Benediction by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

Collection for Dover church $10.54

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

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The church letter from Poplar Springs was handed to the Clerk after the Association had adjourned.

OBITUARIES.

William B. Brookshire was born Nov. 8th, 1863. Died Dec. 13th, 1909. He was the youngest son of the late B H. Brookshire by his first marriage. He was a member of Three Forks Church and while his health permitted was faithful in his attendance. He was an industrious man, a good citizen, an obliging neighbor, an affectionate father and husband and we trust has entered upon the good man's reward.

Robert Smith Webster was born April 8th, 1886 and died in the hospital at Statesville, Sept. 30th, 1910, while our Association was in session at Dover. He had been a member of Three Forks Church a little more than a year. He, like so many of our boys, had been called "wild," but a great change had come over him, and his short christian life was quite exemplary. Two little children had preceeded him to the better land. He leaves a young wife, father, mother, brothers and sisters to mourn his early death; but their loss is great gain.

Sister Georgia Ann Caldwell, daughter of Wm. A. and Martha A. Drum, was born in Macon County, Georgia, April 28, 1842, was married to Bro. James C Caldwell April 20, 1864, and became a member of Mt. Rehamia Church June 19, 1864. Died Feb. 24, 1910.

Robert Hill Caldwell was born May 9, 1870, was baptized into fellowship of Antioch Church Aug 30, 1896, was married to Miss Annie Drum Feb. 24, 1892 Died Feb. 5, 1910

George Washington Caldwell was born March 26, 1875, joined Antioch Church Aug. 29, 1890, was married to Miss Amanda Oxford March 1. 1896, who died. He was afterward married to Mrs. Zury Alspaugh Jan. 20th, 1901. Died January 3, 1910.

Sister Amanda Elizabeth Hollar, daughter of Healden and Martha Munday, was born Sept 28, 1855, baptized into fellowship of Antioch Church in August 1875, married Bro. W. V. Hollar Jan. 11, 1880. Died Aug 15, 1910.

[All the above members of Antioch Church were victims of a scourge of typhoid fever. They were all consistent Christians, devoted to their families and to the Church and Sunday School.—W. E. White.]

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

Again we record a pleasant, and we trust, profitable session of the Alexander Association.

It began its work under unpropitious circumstances. Superior Court was in session at Taylorsville, thus keeping many away, and the weather was rainy the first two days, and business out of order by reason of the printer failing to publish the minutes of the last years session at Damascus. But the spiritual interest was good, the congregations large and orderly and most of the speeches of a high order.

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DOVER CHURCH.

By reference to the Associational Minutes for the year 1891 when the Alexander Association previously met with Dover Church, the reader will find a complete history of this body from the date of its organization in 1833 up to that time.

Since 1891 the church has been served by the following pastors, to-wit:

A. M. Pennell, July 16th, 1892.
S. D. Barnes, April 16th, 1893.
J. A. Downs, Nov. 17th, 1894.

C. C. Pool, May 23rd, 1896.
A. M. Pennell, Aug. 22nd, 1897.
O. A. Keller, Nov. 22nd, 1897.
J. K. Fox, March 24th, 1901.
G. Z. Bumgarner, April 13th, 1902, until the present.

P. C. Downs continued to serve as clerk until March 25th, 1899; then C. L. Sherrill until April 13th, 1900; then H. C. Pennell until Oct. 8th, 1904; then W. S. Robinett until June 8th, 1907; then Geo. B. Pennell until the present.

Dover church has evidently had some trouble by reason of her former custom of annual calling of pastors, but has been served by good faithful preachers. Her clerks have been men who were competent and painstaking. No church records which the writer has examined, have been so minute in every detail, and it has been a very rare thing that the church has not been regularly seated.

Much of this is due to Rev. A. M. Pennell who for so long a time when the pastor was absent held service and seated the church, thus keeping and unbroken record. "All honor to such faithful men" an when the the time of his departure is come, may his mantle fall on some worthy young man of Dover church.

This old landmark church has seen its bright and flourishing, and also its dark and gloomy periods.

For many years it has been hemmed in by "Moonshine" but it now seems to be putting on new life, as is evidenced by its splendid new house and the energy and hospitality of its members. Beginning its existence with eleven members it has enrolled six hundred and thirty. "The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

Great - great - great Grandfather
G. J. U. Teague, D. W. Teague,
G. C. Teague, C. W. Teague.

COPY OF MANUSCRIPT FOUND IN THE PAPERS OF BENJAMIN AUSTIN.

June 7th 1797 At a meeting held at the new Meeting house in Burke County middle little river a Presbettara being Called for to Constitute a Church and ordain officers and found prepaired the Members names as follows

Edwd Teague	Elders	Sarah Teague
Henry Holtsclaw		Mary Austin dis mist
Benjm Auston		Rebecca Austin
Wm Sherell	Deacons	Elizath Tompson Excld
Nathun Auston		Nancy Pain
George Pain		Rebecca Foster
George Tompson Excld		Ruth Pressly
Jehue Barns		Elender Dockry
James Oxford		Tabitha Spradlin
Elijah Austin Dis Mist by letter		Luranah Burns
Harry a Negro Deceased		Mary Auston Sen

Feb 28 1798

On the reverse side of the document in a different handwrite was written

Richard Brown	Dis Mist by letters abought October the first
Elijah Austin	
Rachel Brown	
Mary Austin	

[In printing the above the old manuscript has been followed as regards spelling, punctuation, the use of capital letters, etc.]

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The undersigned was directed by the Association to prepare a historical document relative to the pioneer Baptists in the territory covered by the Alexander Association, and to make it as complete and accurate as

possible, he desires the assistance of every person who knows anything that will throw light on the subject either traditional or documentary.

He believes that the "Harry a Negro" in the above roll is the same Harry that defended and saved a block-house full of women and children from the Cherokee Indians in 1765 and when the white men returned they gave him his freedom for his loyalty. If anyone knows anything of the identity, please tell me.

W. E. WHITE.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total	Males	Females	Total	Ordained Ministers	Time of Preaching
Antioch	5	2		7	4		5	9	118	178	296	2	4th
Bethel	3		1	4				4	100	143	243	2	1st
Bethany	6			6	1			1	57	74	131		4th
Bethlehem	11		2	13	2	2	2	6	64	124	188		3rd
Dover					2	2		4	40	52	92	1	1st
Damascus	13	5		18	8	3	2	13			225		1st
Island Ford		1		1	2			2	16	27	43		1st
Lebanon			1	1	5	2	1	8	43	79	122	1	4th
Liledoun	6	4		10					56	65	121		4th
Linney's Grove		2		2	1	1	1	3	53	75	128	2	4th
Little River					1		3	4	35	57	92	1	4th
Macedonia		1		1	4	3	2	9	68	135	203		1st
Mt. Nebo		2		2	3	2		5	35	44	79		2nd
Mt. Olive	2	1	2	5	3		2	5	58	91	149		2nd
Pilgrim	1			1	1	1		2	79	71	150		2nd
Pleasant Hill	8			8	2		1	3	40	85	125		3rd
Pleasant Grove	3	4		7	2		1	3	26	20	46		2nd
Poplar Springs					4	1	1	6	49	98	147		2nd
Sulphur Springs	5	2	1	8	5		2	7	75	120	195		3rd
Stony Point	7			7					16	23	39		1st
Taylorsville	3	6		9	3			3	40	74	120		2nd
Three Forks	19		1	20		2	1	3	97	144	241		3rd
Taylor Springs					2		1	3	66	45	111		3rd

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Church Expenses	Other Objects
Antioch	$45 00	$12 00		$ 4 56	$ 2 20		$28 00
Bethel	50 00	10 00			75		
Bethany		3 65			80		
Bethlehem					1 00		16 00
Dover					95	$ 375 00	
Damascus		9 75		12 98	1 05		24 15
Island Ford	40 00	2 00	$ 2 00		10		8 50
Lebanon		25 12			1 00		
Liledoun	80 00	52 46			1 00		
Linney's Grove		8 75			1 00		
Little River		5 66			65		
Macedonia	40 00	7 27			1 85		
Mt. Nebo		2 60		1 46	85		
Mt. Olive		6 02			65		
Pilgrim		2 70			65		
Pleasant Hill		5 07			85		
Pleasant Grove	40 00	2 65		1 25	50		
Poplar Springs					1 00		
Sulphur Springs	100 00	24 22	20 00	39 39	75	30 00	
Stony Point	100 00				1 40	744 00	
Taylorsville	100 00	5 25			1 25	25 65	21 60
Three Forks		14 08			1 36		
Taylor Springs		4 75			75		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPTS.	POST-OFFICE	Enrolled	Average	Sunday School Expenses	Officers and Teachers
Antioch	J. C. Blair	Taylorsville R. 4, N. C.	60			
Bethel	J. E. Gilreath	Vashti N. C				
Bethany						
Bethlehem	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley, N. C.	61		$ 5 00	6
Dover						
Damascus	N. G. Sloan	Statesville R 5, N. C.	104	49		7
Island Ford	J. H. Hoke	Stony Point N C.	32		5 00	7
Lebanon	E V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5, N. C.	56			6
Liledoun	J. W Watts	Liledoun N. C.	46		20 04	5
Linney's Grove						
Little River	W. T. Webster	Taylorsville R. 5, N. C.	79		1 49	9
Macedonia	J. E. Chatham	Taylorsville R. 1, N. C.	80			
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher	Stony Point N. C.	52	30	1 05	7
Mt. Olive						
Pilgrim	R. Carson	Hiddenite R 1, N C.	65			5
Pleasant Hill						
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan	Stony Point R. 2, N. C.	46	30		6
Poplar Springs						
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite N. C.	90	44		6
Stony Point						
Taylorsville	J. D. Smith	Taylorsville N. C.	128	75	20 00	7
Three Forks	Clyde Tuttle	Taylorsville R. 4, N. C.	127		2 00	12
Taylor Springs	Godfrey and Williams	New Hope N. C.	51	35		6

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST-OFFICE	CLERKS	POST-OFFICE
Antioch	J. M Shaver	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.	R. S. Austin	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.
Bethel	W E. Linney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	J. Y. Williams	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.
Bethany	W. E. Linney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	E. E. Pool	Gilreath. N. C.
Bethlehem	J. M, Shaver	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley N C
Dover	G Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5 N. C.	G. B. Pennell	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville No. 5, N. C.
Island Ford	W. J. Wyatt	Troutmans, N C.	T. A. Stewart	Stony Point N. C.
Lebanon	G Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5, N. C.	T. L. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No 5, N. C.
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1. N. C.	J. W. Watts	Liledoun N. C.
Linney's Grove	T. E Redmon	New Hope No. 1, N. C.	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.
Little River	G. Z Bumgarner	Taylorsville No 5. N C.	J. W. Deal	Taylorsville No. 5, N C.
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No 5, N. C.	J. E Chatham	Taylorsville No 1, N C.
Mt. Nebo	W. E. Linney	Hiddenite No 1. N. C.	G. L. Steele	Stony Point N. C.
Mt. Olive	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5. N. C.	J. J Lowe	Poors Knob No 2, N. C.
Pilgrim	J G. Horn	Harmony No. 1, N. C.	J. M. Query	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.
Pleasant Hill	W. J Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5, N. C.	S. J. Harrington	Taylorsville No. 3, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	J. N. Binkley	Hamptonville N. C.	R E. Levan	Stony Point No. 2, N. C.
Poplar Springs	S. D Barnes	Boomer, N. C.	J. A. Pennell	Taylorsville No. 5, N. C.
Sulphur Springs	D. W. Pool	Taylorsville N. C.	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite N. C.
Stony Point	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	A. W. White	Stony Point N. C.
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1. N. C.	J. L. Gwaltney	Taylorsville N. C.
Three Forks	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	Jno B. Echerd	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.
Taylor Springs	J. M. Current	Buck Shoals N. C.	H. F. Williams	New Hope, N. C.

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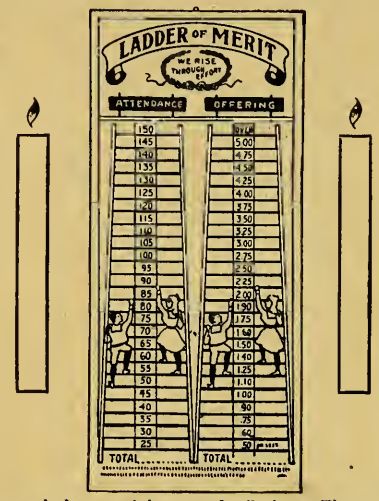

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